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City puts tax vote on Nov. '04 ballot

Council is one vote short
for emergency vote on
March ballot

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER
EL CERRITO — Residents will
on the city's utility users tax
November 2004, despite pleas
10 people who asked the

City Council to declare an emergency and hold the election in March.

State law says tax measures not held during the city's regular November election require a unanimous emergency declaration by the council. Councilwoman Gina Brusatori dissented in a 4-1 vote to place the tax on the March ballot at Monday's meeting. A motion to put the tax

for a vote next November instead passed unanimously.

Many residents told the council they wanted to see the tax placed on the March ballot, in an effort to save city services, including fire and police, senior services and child care. Some criticized proposals from other residents to repeal the tax before the next election.

Adopted by the council in

1991, the utility-users tax has been vulnerable to a potential lawsuit since June 2001, when the California Supreme Court ruled that the taxes were an ongoing violation of Proposition 62. Passed in 1986, Prop. 62 requires a majority vote for new taxes.

Five residents said the city was at fault for not placing the tax up for a vote after June 2001 and there was no reason to de-

clare an emergency, when the city has a 17 percent reserve in its general fund that could be used to make up the loss.

"This emergency is a sham, it's actually a self-created sham by the council and management," said resident John Ward.

"Stop collecting the utility tax now," said Steve Magvary, the coordinator for the watchdog group the El Cerrito Citizens Alliance.

"Put a measure on the November 2004 ballot after working out a compromise proposal that will minimize organized opposition."

Speakers in favor of the March election included Contra Costa County Supervisor John Gioia, State Assemblywoman Loni Hancock, Robert De La Campa, the president of the city's

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ON THE TOP STEP AT ALBANY HIGH



TUE NAM TON/STAFF

ROSENBAUM has taken the helm as the new principal at Albany High School.

Rosenbaum sets empathetic tone as principal

By Carrie Ching
CORRESPONDENT
When Albany High School's principal, Ron Rosenbaum, came back to his own high school in Brooklyn, New York, he sums it up with one word: empathy.

"I never in a million years would have thought I would enjoy working with teenagers," said Rosenbaum, 56. "It just happened. It's delightful. The reason I think I like it is because I have a kind of empathy."

When he moved to California from the East Coast in 1970, that empathy led him into teaching, and later, counseling. He started

out as a junior high math and science teacher, then spent 19 years teaching counseling at Bay Area schools before moving up into an assistant principal position at Berkeley High. He was principal of Alhambra High School in Martinez for five years, and Oakland Tech High School for two years.

When the principal position at Albany High opened up in September after Gloria Galindo resigned, he jumped on it.

"I love it," Rosenbaum said. "This is my community. I live in Albany and my two daughters graduated from Albany High. So it's a great fit."

Albany Superintendent William Wong agreed. "Ron brought a calming stability to the school," he said. "He's very caring. If a student has a problem he really takes the time to listen

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City honors heroes in truck crash incident

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — Three civilians, five public safety employees and two public safety organizations were recognized for their heroic, life-saving actions during August's Moeser Lane truck crash.

The honorees were civilians Mark and Orienne Weeks and Winston Ficklin; officer Ryan Carcione, Detective Sgt. Shawn Maples, Detective William Zink, and Police Chief Scott Kirkland of the El Cerrito Police Department, Cpl. Carlos Carter of the Contra Costa Sheriff's Office; plus the El Cerrito and Richmond fire departments.

At its Monday meeting, the

City Council gave commendations to all for "outstanding community service related to the Moeser Lane/Richmond (Street) accident on Aug. 26, 2003."

The accident involved an out-of-control dump truck that barreled down a steep hill on Moeser Lane, slammed into several vehicles and power poles and crashed into the home of 82-year-old Catherine Sutherland at Richmond Street, setting the house on fire.

Mark and Orienne Weeks, with Ficklin, a UPS driver who happened to be passing by, helped rescue Sutherland from her burning home.

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Neighbors want city to scratch pool hall plan

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

ALBANY — The planning and zoning commission has postponed a vote authorizing construction of a pool hall at a building formerly used as a banquet room for civic groups, after residents raised concerns about the project.

Located on the 500 block of San Pablo Avenue, the rectangular building, called the Albany Temple, was constructed in 1946. It's been vacant for perhaps a year, said Albany associate planner Billy Gross.

David Viale bought the building about three months ago with the pool hall idea in mind. He didn't expect residents to oppose it or for the planning and zoning commission to rethink its ap-

proval. "I didn't think it was big deal," Viale said of his proposal. "The whole thing is a shock to me, but I hope it all gets worked out."

City planning staff recommended to the planning and zoning commission that it approve a conditional use permit for the project at its Oct. 28 meeting. Instead, commissioners directed planning staff to return Nov. 12 with findings to deny the permit.

"We're working with the city attorney right now to get those completed," Gross said.

One of the concerns was a question of whether the proposal was similar to the building's past use.

A former meeting place for

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Resident challenges poor landscaping

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER
ALBANY — The city's landscaping, or lack of it, angers 32-year-old Albany resident Suzan Snider. It makes the city look like a mess, she says. It's embarrassing and it takes away from the enjoyment of the city. Standing among the weeds and dirt on a Buchanan Street median, she grabbed a handful of leaves on a dry shrub and gave up with disgust about the lack of upkeep.

said has been poor on Buchanan Street and Key Route Boulevard median strips for more than the last 10 years.

"It gets worse every year," she said. "It gets dead and dead every year."

City officials say they're working on improvements. "The landscaping needs improvement," said Judy Lieberman, the assistant to the city administrator. "That's obvious and I think the city is working to make that a priority."

Snider said she's been researching the issue and talking to city officials for more than a year. She has been successful in getting the issue on the agenda to be discussed by the City Council.

She said city officials have told her that part of the problem

is that the city has too little money to take care of Buchanan and Key Route landscaping. But she doesn't understand why the city can't afford to pay for maintenance when she pays \$75 annually for a lighting and landscaping assessment that brings in almost \$1 million annually.

She was also told that there are too few maintenance workers to handle the city's landscaping needs. She wants to see an audit of their work or spend a day with them to see whether that is true. She wants a better record of what the maintenance workers are doing.

"This has been going on for too long," she said. "Seven people can get a lot done, I think."

Public works manager Roger

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JOANNA JHANDASTAFF

SUZAN SNIDER has been asking the Albany to clean up the median strip along Buchanan for about a year. Snider and others want their city tax dollars applied to landscaping efforts.

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Albany

Stars come out to help music programs

Latin jazz star Pete Escovedo and sons Peter Michael and Juan, Claudia Vilela and Ricardo Peixoto will perform Nov. 22 at Albany High to benefit music programs in Albany schools.

The Escovedos will headline a benefit concert for the Albany Music Fund, which is dedicated to preserving music education in the Albany Unified School District.

Escovedo has been at the forefront of Latin jazz for three decades. In the late '60s he toured with the percussion section of the Santana band, and is featured on three of their albums. He has collaborated with Herbie Hancock, Cal Tjader, Anita Baker, Angela Bofill, Bobby McFerrin, and Boz Scaggs, among others.

Escovedo's sons Juan and Peter Michael, have followed the family tradition of percussion. Juan has played with artists such as Prince and Patti LaBelle, while Peter Michael is music director of the "Wayne Brady Show."

The concert will start at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22, in the Albany High School Gym at 603 Key Route Blvd. Doors open at 6:30. Tickets are \$30 for main-floor seating, \$20 for adults and \$10 for students or 18 and under (ask about the reserved seating front and center). All proceeds will go to the Albany Music Fund.

Information: 510-559-8282 or visit www.albanymusic.org.

Diversity film group sees 'Promises'

EmbracingDiversityFilms, a community film group, presents a documentary at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 12, in the Albany High School Multi-purpose Room at 603 Key Route Blvd. in Albany.

"Promises," recipient of the 2001 San Francisco International Film Festival Best Documentary Award, follows a group of Palestinian and Israeli youths who take a chance on friendship despite the age-old conflicts of their native Jerusalem. This screening is open to the public and free of charge.

Members of EmbracingDiversityFilms began meeting in 2002 after several participated in a dialogue about racism at a League of Women Voters workshop. The group is sponsored by Albany High School PTA, and participants include teens, parents and adults from local communities. The group presents documentary films followed by a professionally facilitated discussion.

For more information, contact Sally Douglas Arce (510-527-1328, e-mail sdarcy@jps.net) or Maxine Tatmon-Gilkinson (510-243-0797, e-mail gilkmt@uclink.berkeley.edu).

Buy bargain books, help out the library

The Friends of the Albany Library will hold a 50-cent book sale on Saturday, Nov. 15 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Albany Library, 1247 Marin Ave.

All paperbacks and hardback books including library discards, magazines and romance paperbacks, will be sold for 50 cents each.

For more information or to volunteer for the sale, please call the Library at 510-526-3720, ext. 6.

El Cerrito

League to hear new mechanics of voting

The League of Women Voters of West Contra Costa County will hold a brown-bag general membership meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 18 at noon at El Cerrito Royale, 6510 Gladys Ave.

Steve Weir, clerk-recorder of the Contra Costa County Elections Department, for Contra Costa County will speak on the mechanics of voting in the county, including new screening equipment being installed for the March 4 primary election.

Learn about the presidential candidates

The El Cerrito Democratic Club will hold a mini-presidential convention at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 25, in the sanctuary of the Northminster Presbyterian Church, 545 Ashbury. All Democrats in the area are invited to come and learn about the candidates for the Democratic nomination for President.

The convention will involve presentations by the various candidates' supporters. After the presentations and debate, the Democratic Club will conduct a straw poll on the nominee with all attending Democrats eligible to vote, and also consider endorsing a presidential candidate.

At the 7:30 meeting, immediately prior to the convention, the club will consider endorsements in the U.S. Senate, State Senate and Assembly races.

For more information call 510-524-4659 or 510-524-3094.

Missouri River topic of fly-fishers meet

The Grizzly Peak Flyfishers, a nonprofit organization dedicated to education, conservation and the enjoyment of fly fishing, will host a program on fly-fishing the Missouri River in Montana. Trapper Badovinac, a professional guide and author, will present a slide show.

The meeting will be held Thursday, Nov. 13 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Kensington Community Center, 59 Arlington Ave., Kensington. Free admission; the public is welcome. Food and beverages will be available. For information call John Davis at 510-524-0428.

Garden club meeting also a fund-raiser

The El Cerrito Garden Club will hold its regular meeting Thursday Nov. 13, at 9:30 a.m. at the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane, El Cerrito.

This month's meeting is the club's annual fund-raising event. It supports civic beautification, education and the environment. Floral designers Mary Crowell and Shane Looper will speak and demonstrate flower arrangements. There will be a white elephant sale and crafts, baked goods and herbs for sale, as well as door prizes.

Guests are welcome; admission for them is \$5 at the door. For information call Mae at 510-234-0135 or Marilynne at 510-223-0443.

Tree commission to hold public workshop

The El Cerrito Tree Commission will conduct its second public workshop at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 13, at the Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane. The input will assist the Tree Commission in making a recommendation to the Council for a revised tree ordinance. For more information, call 510-215-4382.

ALBANY POLICE

Monday, Oct. 27

■ **PETTY THEFT** — At about 3:30 p.m. a manager at the Albany Bowl requested officers assistance because he had detained three subjects who had taken money out of a video machine. Officers arrested two Albany boys, ages 12 and 13, and one San Pablo boy for petty theft. They were cited and released to the parents of a friend.

■ **STEAKS STOLEN** — In the afternoon two men stole a package of steaks from the Safeway on the 1500 block of Solano Avenue. They were last seen departing east on Solano Avenue in a white Toyota Celica.

■ **FIGHTING WARRANT** — A 22-year-old Pinole man came to the Albany police station for a vehicle release. A check found he had an outstanding Hayward warrant for fighting in the amount of \$200. He was arrested, cited and released.

Tuesday, Oct. 28

■ **DUI** — At about 3 a.m. officers stopped a green Saturn near Buchanan Street and I-80 for a vehicle code violation. The driver, a 29-year-old Concord man, was found to be DUI and driving without a driver's license. He was arrested, cited and released.

■ **WARRANT** — The driver of a black '98 Chevrolet, a 28-year-old Richmond man, was found to have an outstanding warrant from San Francisco for violation of promise to appear in the amount of \$227. He was arrested, cited and released.

■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — An Orinda woman reported that thieves had stolen her blue '93 Honda Accord while it was parked near Solano and Kains avenues. The vehicle had been left unlocked with the keys inside. There were no witnesses.

■ **PURSE STOLEN** — An El Cerrito woman reported that thieves stole her purse from her unlocked Honda Civic parked in the north lot at the Albany Bowl on the 500 block of San Pablo Avenue. There were no witnesses.

■ **CAR RECOVERED** — Berkeley police reported locating a blue '89 Honda that had been stolen from Al-

bany. They did not have anyone in custody and the owner was notified.

Wednesday, Oct. 29

■ **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE** — Officers arrested a 37-year-old Pleasant Hill man for an outstanding Albany warrant for violations of a court order regarding domestic violence in the amount of \$5,000. He was also charged with another count of the same offense. He was cited and released on bail.

■ **CHP ASSIST** — At about 4 p.m. officers responded to a call from CHP regarding a fight at Cougar Field and assisted CHP officers.

■ **BIKE STOLEN** — Thieves stole a bicycle from a bike rack near the Albany Pool. There were no witnesses.

Thursday, Oct. 30

■ **JUVENILE ARRESTED** — At about 6 p.m. Berkeley police reported a group of five juveniles had just stolen a bike from a rider and also robbed another victim while on the BART path. El Cerrito police were also notified to be on the look out for the group. Albany officers located one boy matching the description, a 15-year-old Berkeley boy, and arrested him for robbery and conspiracy. He was cited and transported to Juvenile Hall.

Friday, Oct. 31

■ **COUPLE ARRESTED** — At about 1:30 a.m. an officer contacted a couple in an '88 Jeep in the lot at 555 Pierce St. who were acting suspiciously. They arrested a Dublin man for being in possession of an illegal knife and stolen property and for grand theft auto, conspiracy and prior convictions. They also arrested a 37-year-old Vallejo woman for possession of a controlled substance, grand theft auto, conspiracy and prior convictions. They were both transported to the Alameda County Sheriff's office.

■ **VANDALISM** — During the night vandals slashed the top of a red '90 Mazda convertible parked on the 600 block of Spokane Avenue. There

were no witnesses.

■ **CITY TRUCK STOLEN** — A city dump truck was stolen from the 500 block of San Pablo Avenue. The keys had been left in the vehicle. There were no witnesses.

■ **BIKE STOLEN** — During the night thieves stole a gray and blue 10-speed bike locked up in front of Marin School. There were no witnesses.

■ **HOME EGGED** — A resident on the 1000 block of Stannage Avenue reported her house had been egged around 9 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 1

■ **PEDESTRIAN ARRESTED** — Officers responded to reports of a subject in the street who was attacking vehicles on the east side of San Pablo Avenue. They contacted the 30-year-old Oakland man and a check found he had outstanding warrants out of Oakland for jaywalking in the amount of \$294. He was arrested for probation violations, threatening with a weapon and burglary. He was cited and released.

■ **AUTO LOCATED** — Berkeley police located a white '87 Toyota Camry on the 1400 block of Santa Fe that had been stolen out of Albany. It was towed and the owner notified.

■ **MULTIPLE COUNTS** — Officers contacted a subject on the 500 block of San Pablo Avenue because her gold Honda 4-door was missing the license plates. The 24-year-old Vallejo woman was found to have outstanding warrants from Napa County for six counts of burglary and six counts of petty theft in the amount of \$25,000. She was arrested and transported to Santa Rita Jail.

■ **AUTO BREAK-IN** — Thieves broke into a blue Plymouth parked on the 800 block of Cleveland Avenue and stole items from inside.

■ **AUTO LOCATED** — At about 6 p.m. Richmond police reported locating a white '94 Honda Civic that had been stolen from Albany on Oct. 25. The owner was notified.

■ **DUI** — Shortly before midnight officers stopped a green '90 Honda near Buchanan Street and San Pablo Avenue for reckless driving. The driver,

a 28-year-old Oakland man, was arrested and cited for DUI and without a driver's license. He was released.

Sunday, Nov. 2

■ **WARRANT** — At about 6 p.m. officers stopped a bicyclist near San Pablo and Carlson Avenue because of a vehicle code violation. The driver, a 27-year-old San Francisco man, was found to have an outstanding warrant for running a red light in the amount of \$544 and a warrant in the amount of \$498. He was arrested and released.

■ **WARRANT** — Officers arrested a 27-year-old Hayward man for an outstanding warrant from Alameda County for vandalism in the amount of \$500. He was cited and released.

Monday, Nov. 3

■ **BICYCLIST ARRESTED** — Officers stopped a bicyclist near San Pablo and Carlson Avenue because of a vehicle code violation. The driver, a 27-year-old San Francisco man, was found to have an outstanding warrant for running a red light in the amount of \$544 and a warrant in the amount of \$498. He was arrested and released.

■ **SLIDE STOLEN** — Over the weekend thieves stole a slide from a lot on the 1000 block of Alameda Avenue. There were no witnesses.

Summary

During the week of Oct. 27 officers towed nine cars, responded to false alarms, attended to two deceased animals, and assisted people who were locked out of their house of car. In the domestic violence officers responded to 13 and 150 cases and 153 civil assaults. Officers stopped 105 vehicles or persons using 54 citations and 51 warrants. Firefighter/paramedics responded to four fire calls and 14 medical emergencies.

— K. O.

EL CERRITO POLICE

Friday, Oct. 17

■ **VANDALISM** — An officer saw a man rip a "No Left Turn" sign from its pole at the intersection of Blake Street and San Pablo Avenue at about 11 p.m. Officers arrested a 36-year-old San Pablo man, who was found to be in possession of another person's driver's license and Social Security number. He was also arrested for being under the influence of a narcotic, and taken to the Martinez jail.

Wednesday, Oct. 15

■ **DRUG POSSESSION** — At about noon, officers responded to El Cerrito

High to assist with what was reported as a large student disturbance. Officers arrested a 17-year-old student for possession of marijuana packaged for sales. The student was released to a parent.

Saturday, Oct. 18

■ **BURGLARY** — Officers responded to the report of a burglary in progress at about 5:50 a.m. and found an intruder who seemed disoriented and confused. The man claimed he was a friend of the apartment's tenant, and gave the tenant's name. Officers noticed, however, that several items in plain view in the residence could have provided the suspect with the name. The tenant, reached by phone,

said he didn't know the intruder. The caller who reported the burglary said that man had burglarized his residence, too. Police arrested a 21-year-old Richmond resident for burglary, and took him to the Martinez jail.

Sunday, Oct. 19

■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — At about 2:55 a.m. on San Pablo Avenue near Potrero, an officer saw a vehicle being driven erratically; the driver was not wearing a seatbelt. The officer stopped the vehicle — which had been reported stolen — and its three occupants got out. Two fled on foot, but the driver, a 48-year-old Berkeley man, was arrested.

Thursday, Oct. 23

■ **ROBBERY** — A jogger on the BART path was punched and robbed of a wristwatch by three men at 7:25 p.m.; an anonymous witness saw them enter a vehicle parked at a business nearby and drive away.

Friday, Oct. 24

■ **VEHICLE BURGLARY** — Someone smashed the window of a Toyota Tacoma and removed tools, a toolbox, CDs and a cell phone charger in between 9 p.m. Oct. 23 and 7 a.m. Oct. 24.

Sunday, Oct. 26

■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — Someone stole a green 1992 four-door Honda Accord between 8:30 p.m. Oct. 25 and 8:30 a.m. Oct. 26 on the 300 block of Victoria Street.

— Staff

Attacker described in police sketch

Police have released an artist's sketch of a man who attacked a 92-year-old woman last month as she returned home from a walk.

The robber, described as 16 to 18 years old, struck up a conversation with the woman near the corner of Sunset Drive and Highgate Road about 2:30 p.m. Oct. 21.

He asked to use her phone, then tried to pull down her pants as she turned to enter the house, police said. The victim hit her attacker with a cane several times, and he ran away.

The attacker was 5 feet 10 inches to 6 feet tall with a medium build and short brown hair. He wore a dark-color short-sleeve shirt the day of the attack.



Police asked that anyone with information about the incident or who may know about any similar attacks call Cpl. Dan Jeffries at 510-526-4141, Ext. 15.

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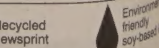
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Neighbors

Letter from France is WWII vet's best reward



MARTIN SNAPP
Snapp Shots

NINETEEN YEARS ago, Melvin Ayers of Albany was slogging across Europe as part of the American effort that was liberating Europe. One thing made it more bearable: He was sharing a foxhole with his twin brother, Alvin. They survived the war. Alvin died in 1973, but Mel is still going strong at 81, living with his wife, Flora, in the same house on Highway 99 where he and Alvin lived.

Just a few weeks ago, he received a letter from France. Long years ago, in 1944-45, young American soldiers were sent to a home in Somme, France, to look after a little French boy named Francoise. They were going back to the States, but Francoise was so much for France. The little girl waited for them, but then she was told her friends' ship had been sunk and all passengers lost. She was very, very sad.

When that little girl's last letter came, her husband and she searched and discovered the address of Melvin, which has not changed for 60 years.

What regrets I have for not writing to you earlier, but what I wish to know you are still alive.

Alvin, Melvin, your little letter never forgot you. I am a grandmother with three grandchildren. Two of them look like you, which makes me very happy.

I would be very happy if you remember me. I kiss you, Francoise.

Of course I remember her! "We called her 'our little sweetheart.'" She would sit at the edge of the field and watch the football with the town's boys. She was our greatest cheerleader. She would jump up and down, clap her hands, and cheer whenever we made a touchdown.

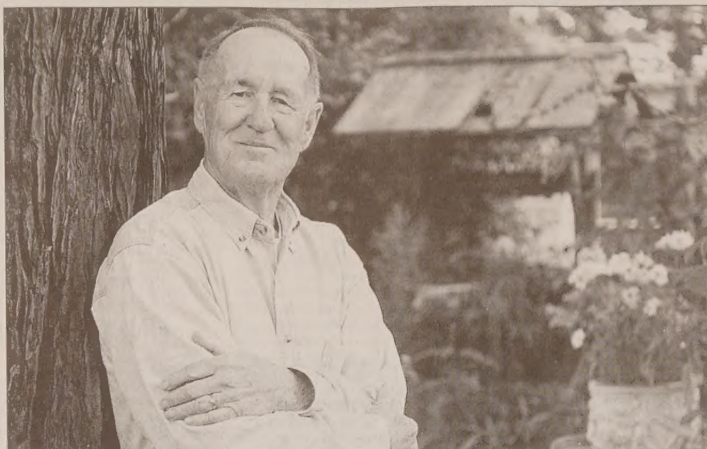
One evening at a very late hour, Al and I decided to take a walk. When we opened the door, we found our little sweetheart sitting on the steps, waiting for us to come out. She wanted us to meet her parents and sister. We walked her home, and her parents were very surprised. They thought she was in bed, asleep.

After that, Al and Mel became good friends with the whole family. They, uh, "liberated" as much food as they could from Army stores and smuggled it to Francoise's mother.

"The poor French people had nothing," Mel recalls. "They were going through our garbage cans for everything we threw out: used coffee grounds, potato peelings, everything. The kids had never tasted chocolate or bon bons or even chewing gum before we gave it to them."

And yet what little they had, they shared with their American friends. "One day, her father slaughtered the family's last remaining pig and invited us to share dinner with them," says Mel.

The French also shared intelligence, warning the Americans whenever German troops were in the area. The letter was from Francoise Huet-Castanier, now in her sixties and living in



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ALBANY RESIDENT Melvin Ayers has reconnected 59 years later with a friend he made in France during World War II.

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AL AYERS, left, and his twin brother Melvin Ayers of Albany pose in with Francoise Huet-Castanier in 1944 during World War II.

Torruilliers, France.

Mel wrote Francoise back, and on Monday he got another letter with the best possible news: She and her family are coming to visit him this spring. "I can hardly wait!" he says.

"I want her to meet my family and my friends at All Star Donuts at El Cerrito Plaza, where I've had coffee every day for the last 40 years."

This Tuesday, Mel will observe Veterans' Day, as he does every year, by remembering all the young men who didn't come back.

"I got to have a full life," he says. "I've been married to this lovely woman for 57 years. I have three wonderful kids and three wonderful grandchildren. They never had a chance to have any of that."

He also regrets that Al isn't here to share his joy at reconnecting with Francoise. But he's still grateful. "It was a golden day the day I received her letter," he says. "Miracles do happen!"

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The smell of popcorn and the stirring of memories



ROBERT MENZIMER
Life is a Movie

I used to make day trips to Sacramento on business, and once I even hired a lobbyist and got a law written. The measure passed both houses of the Legislature and on the day the governor signed it, I returned to Albany in the early afternoon, took three showers and, finally clean enough to celebrate, went to retrieve Allison early from day care.

Showing up before five o'clock was unprecedented, and the look on her face asked three simultaneous questions: Is it Christmas? Did I wake up in the middle of Candyland? Did Dad have nothing but ice cream again for lunch?

I sat down next to her on the bench by the sandbox and asked my own question: "Hey, Sport, you wanna go smell some popcorn?" She may have been 5, but she was no dummy and she knew what I was talking about. Presents under the tree, board games where she always wins and hot fudge sundaes for lunch, all rolled into one: We were going to the movies.

Allison and I went to the Oaks on Solano Avenue that day, and I don't remember what we saw. But I do remember the first movie we ever took her to, at the Alhambra on Polk Street in San Francisco. She was 2 years old, and it was "The Little Mermaid," which has ever since remained my favorite in the remarkable renaissance of Disney animations.

Start singing "Under the Sea" to me and watch a grown man cry. (Get me singing it and you'll cry, too, but for a different reason.) Parker got his first cinema dose even earlier. He was in a snuggly on my chest at the movies long before he was old enough to be terrified by the forest-fire scene in "Bambi."

Over the years, the house rang with movie musical soundtracks as we worked to improve the bottom line for the guys over at Five Star Video on Solano. Allison knew every line of every song from "Oklahoma!" including the demand-

ing "Farmer and the Cowman." Ditto "Camelot" — we probably drove the rest of the family nuts with our duet version of Lancelot's "C'est Moi." (What casting genius put Franco Nero in that role?)

And it's never stopped. A couple of weeks ago in Five Star, Allison ignored everything new and grabbed "Kiss Me Kate." I bypassed the musicals in favor of "Alien," and soon Parker and I were sitting together in front of it in the family room, hands motionless in the popcorn bowl, flash-frozen in fear.

But there are businesses besides the estimable Five Star Video to keep afloat. Movie theaters, for example. By the time our whole family made it to "Pirates of the Caribbean" together, I was seeing it for the third time. For Parker, it was at least trip No. 4. And you don't even want to know how many times Allison and her friends, a few years before, sank with the Titanic.

"Wanna go smell some popcorn?" is now part of the family lexicon. If I never accomplish anything else as a parent, and most days I think I never will, I can always fall back on the fact that, so far anyway, in response to that question, Allison and Parker almost always say yes.

Both of them are on stage now in Albany school productions, and as we watch them up there, I sometimes wonder if all of those incessant movies had anything to do with it. But I really don't care whether that was it.

Well, maybe I care a little.

Robert Menzimer is a writer and movie fan living in Albany. Reach him at lifeisamovie@pacbell.net.

Albany Chamber invites members to mix it up Nov. 18

The Albany Chamber of Commerce and one of its newest members, Spenger's Restaurant, extends an invitation to its first Holiday Mixer on Tuesday, Nov. 18, from 5:30 to 7:30 at Spenger's Restaurant 1919 Fourth St. Berkeley. Admission is \$2 for Chamber members \$5 for non-members. Ticket price includes: an array of finger food and a bar hosted by the restaurant serving beer, wine and soft drinks.

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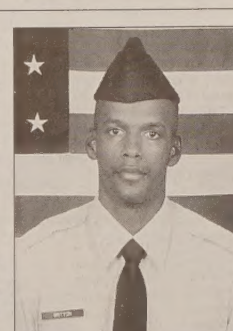
ACES AND PLACES

El Cerrito's Rachel Levin, 12, just prize in Cricket magazine's August Cricket League poll. Asked to write about something magical, Rachel submitted a description of a stream and the plant and animal life thriving about it. Her poem was published in the magazine's November issue.

Now writing Rachel!

Air Force Airman Darcy A. Britton, a 2001 graduate of El Cerrito High School, has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, and training exercises, and special training in human relations. Britton is the son of Joseph



CONTRIBUTED

Darcy A. Britton
Stallworth of Richmond.

Susan Houghton called to talk about the West County Winds, an amateur classical wind ensemble founded in 1985 by former El Cerrito High School band director

Terry Clark and two of his graduates, Charles White and Allison Shimada.

From a small beginning — just 10 musicians — the group grew to include as many as 50 members at one time. It gives two concerts a year performing the works of composers from Holst to Grainger, Bach to Verdi, Rimsky-Korsakov, Gershwin and Copland, and more.

Clark, continued as conductor until 2002, followed by Ray Iniguez, conductor of the youth ensemble, Winds Across the Bay. Next, Brian Barfield, then the conductor at El Cerrito High School, shared the baton with Robert Calonic, conductor of the University of California marching band.

The group, Houghton says, now will be led by Spiros Xydias, who leads the Hercules Middle

and High School bands.

West County Winds is a diverse group, with many professions represented among its members. It boasts teachers, lawyers, judges, prosecutors, bankers, secretaries, professional musicians, community volunteers, computer technicians, managers, architects, college students and more, Houghton says.

The ensemble is sponsored by the City of El Cerrito and meets in the El Cerrito High School band room Mondays from 7:30-9:30 p.m.

"We rehearse challenging classical music as we enjoy the friendship and camaraderie that has developed over the years," Houghton says. "New members are always welcome, regardless of how long they may have been away from their instrument."

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"... were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."

— Thomas Jefferson

EDITORIAL

Veterans Day —
more than a date

It is the type of date that sticks in your head: the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month. It was on that date — 11:01 a.m. Nov. 11, 1918 — that the treaty of peace was signed to mark the end of World War I, often called "the war to end all wars."

If only that had been true. Armistice Day was created to celebrate that war's end, but the name was changed to Veterans Day to encompass all veterans.

Throughout history, Americans have been called upon to put on uniforms and march off to war. They have fought for ideals and for freedom of choice. Most importantly, Americans have fought for peace.

The country will honor the price of peace Tuesday, Nov. 11, by paying tribute to the thousands of veterans who gave their lives to protect democracy in far too many wars.

And in ceremonies as varied as the veterans themselves, those who fought and then returned to their homes and families, will also be honored.

The military personnel, both men and women, are from our hometowns. They are our neighbors, our fathers, brothers, sons and husbands, and our mothers, sisters, daughters and wives.

Americans are still fighting, and dying, donning uniforms and picking up weapons to defend freedom in foreign lands. Yellow ribbons are as common as the Stars and Stripes on light poles and porch posts.

Veterans Day should not be just words on a calendar. Every person should set aside a minute on Tuesday — at 11:01 a.m. — to silently honor those men and women who made possible all we take for granted.

Aloud, every person should also honor, and thank, those who have returned from war and those who are still on duty.

Pay tribute to them all, and pray that one day we will be able to say, "That was the war to end all wars."

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TUESDAY IS VETERANS DAY



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Why change Albany?

Phillip Moss, with the Albany Planning and Zoning Commission said, "The new zoning is intended to encourage housing and commercial uses along San Pablo Avenue."

San Pablo Avenue is commercial. More is not needed. If this is about revenue, housing prices have risen dramatically, bringing more tax revenue for the city of Albany.

New schools have been built, buildings have been improved, small businesses have survived. Given the economic climate of recent years, Albany is doing quite well.

Why change a city that seems to be a model for the surrounding community? What is outdated about a residential community (including single-family homes, and two-to-three story apartment buildings), which currently has sufficient support from its existing small businesses?

What is this need for more? Sometimes, staying with a good thing is the more progressive thing to do. Don't be afraid not to change.

Use common sense. Make sure people are informed and heard. Have dialogue. Practice good, solid democracy.

In conclusion, the city's Negative Environmental Declaration is wrong. It would have an enormous impact on parking and traffic, noise, air quality, recreation, and aesthetics on our neighborhoods.

Bruce A. Somerfield
Albany

Time to leave Iraq

Almost daily, news headlines proclaim horrendous bombings and killings in Iraq. And the loss of American lives there keeps on and on.

The Iraqis hate us and want us out, in spite of the fact that our military liberated them from an oppressive dictator. To them, we are an invader and they just don't want us there.

I have a simple solution. Bring our troops home. Leave the Iraqis to stew in their own juices. They don't like anything we are trying to do there.

For our part, we have determined that no more weapons of mass destruction exist there.

Bringing our soldiers home and letting the Iraqis work out their own problems would save our U.S. treasury billions of dollars.

It was a good move to begin with, but we have accomplished our purposes. Now let's get out.

Morris Cleland
El Cerrito

Apples and oranges

Politics in America is like a laboratory with a group of scientists fighting over their theoretical treatments of the skin trauma being caused by the pressure from a huge tumor growing beneath the skin's surface.

They staunchly contend that more or less of this or that ointment applied here

or there is surely the correct remedy. They waste their intelligent minds with such concerns as the color, shape, size, and price of the Band-Aid that would serve best.

Only a very few in this lab dare to voice a radically different perspective. Though few in number, they are committed and determined to question the status quo. Their stands on truth continue to prompt responses such as: naive, unrealistic, bleeding hearts, socialists, America haters, and they can't win.

Serious or meaningful responses are not forthcoming because any thought that these principles should be considered seriously must never be allowed to pierce whatever cynical or flippant shield has been erected in order to protect the unexamined heart. Besides, what has any of this to do with the price of Band-Aids?

Ron Greenstein
El Cerrito

Enforcement long overdue

The recent arrest of 300 illegal alien workers employed by Wal-Mart is a hopeful signal that the government might actually enforce our immigration laws.

With 18 million Americans looking for work, it's high time foreigners unlawfully taking U.S. jobs be removed.

It should also be a wake-up call that executives in the nation's largest retailer apparently saw the illegal employment of exploitable foreigners as a normal and acceptable way to do business.

However, it's disturbing that most of the lawbreaking workers were released on their own recognizance and told to report later to an immigration judge. How likely is it that any of the 300 will appear to be deported? (Answer: slim to none.)

What's needed is the requirement that every new worker's Social Security number be checked through the government's database. That system works, as has been shown where it's been tried.

An immediate database check would also lessen identity theft, now becoming an epidemic, particularly in areas of high illegal immigration.

Brenda Walker
Berkeley

Which democracy?

Assuming that intentions to bring democracy to the Middle East have substance, they raise the question: "What do you mean, democracy?"

Is it a democracy where five black

robes can overturn the will of the electorate? Or is it a democracy in which 10 percent of the people own 80 percent of the wealth, too many have no health care and corporate power subverts the Constitution?

In my world, you cannot create virtue by force of arms.

Laws do not make democracy; democracy, rule by the people, makes the law and sees that it is carried out. Or am I misreading history?

We, our government in Washington, seem to be burdened by overwhelming power and the need to exercise world hegemony. But you can't impose political virtue on other cultures by the force of arms alone.

Actually, come to think of it, if we knew the business deals that are going on behind the scenes, it would all make a lot more sense.

Like music, business is the universal language that unites us all and gives meaning to good intentions.

Charles T. Walton
Berkeley

We must sustain our planet

It is time to seriously consider planet Earth's survival. Looking back, our ancient star finally cooled, miraculously forged life in mud and slime.

Far from bullheaded/stupid war, there are nobler victories to attain. No one should suffer lack of decent housing and water suitable to drink. Hunger should be vanquished, birth control addressed, weapons buried, rain forests and tidal wetlands preserved.

It's not too late to make amends to thank dinosaurs for their lifeblood; to apologize to indigenous tribes, buffalo, whales, beavers, seals, wild horses, tigers, elephants, wolves — all once thriving, now tragically diminished.

Foolhardily, we have allowed industry commerce and overuse to foul the ozone, melt polar ice caps, taint rain with acid. Healthy existence is eroding. Resources are limited. We must help sustain this planet, not carelessly use it up.

War is a terrible waste of lives, ideas, time, resources. When this entire planet pulls together as a global village for the common good, war will be unthinkable.

Years ago, the United States propelled into space a time capsule containing genes of Earth's creative geniuses — an offering for possible celestial neighbors. We make a positive connection, provide unknown creatures a proud record of our "progress," our nobility as human beings.

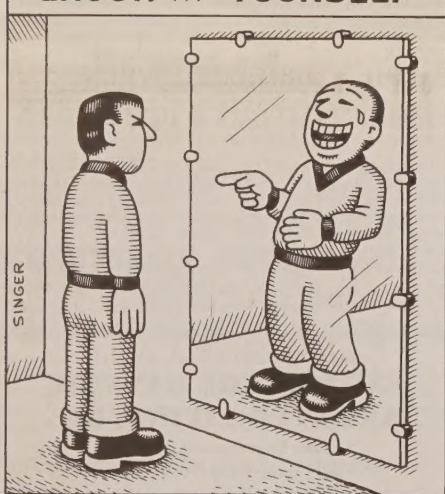
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Children

■ **The Buddy Club** presents "The Bubble Lady" from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 16, at Berkeley JCC Theater, 1414 Walnut Street (between Vine and Rose). The Bubble Lady, a hilarious comedy bubble show, will amaze all. Hosting the show is the unique Master Singing Storyteller Kirk Waller, whose fast-paced rap and sing-song stories will captivate the imaginations of young and old alike. Tickets: \$7 per person (under 2 years old free). Call 510-236-7469 for more information.

■ **UC Berkeley Lawrence Hall of Science** holds a science exhibit "Jelly Belly presents Candy Unwrapped," through Jan. 4. LHS is the public science and math center of UC Berkeley. Hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., daily. Location: Centennial Drive below Grizzly Peak. For general information, call 510-642-5132 or visit the Web site at www.lawrencehallscience.org.

■ **Toddler Times** with stories, bounces and stretches, are coming back to the Albany Library, the new series on Mondays from Nov. 10 through Dec. 15 at 3 p.m. The library is at 1247 Marin Ave. Call for sign-ups: 526-3720, Ext. 17.

■ **Children's Social Skills and Manners** workshops are offered in Albany on Saturdays for two hours, 3 to 5 p.m. Each workshop lasts for four weeks. Details: Linda, 527-6202. Teen Support Group meets twice a month Tuesday evenings at the Women's Cancer Resource Center, 3023 Shattuck Ave. The free group is for teens who have a parent or caregiver with cancer. The meeting is co-facilitated by a teen whose mother had breast cancer. 531-7551.

■ Check out books from the **Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center Library**. Spend quality time with your kids, meet with the children's librarian, research your Jewish roots or check out best sellers. The library is at 1414 Walnut St. Hours: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays. 848-0237.

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■ The Ann Martin Children's Center of-

fers eight "Support Groups For Mothers," sessions for first time mothers and babies their babies under 5 months. Experienced facilitator. Details: 524-0821. Classes

Community

■ **Lama Palzang** will speak on "Padmasambhava: Founder of Tibetan Buddhism" at 8 p.m. Nov. 9, at the Tibetan Nyingma Institute, 1815 Highland Place, Berkeley. Padmasambhava, known to his followers as the "second Buddha," established Buddhism in Tibet in the 8th century. Lama Palzang will describe the epic life story of Padmasambhava and the work of his most prominent disciples. The talk will be illustrated with slides. Free. Parking Available. Wheelchair Accessible. For more information, call 510-843-6812.

■ **Hawaiian Music Benefit** for KAHEA-The Hawaiian Environmental Alliance and the Environmental Health Network (of California) from 6 to 9 p.m. Nov. 9, at Ashkenaz, 1317 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley (Gilman, cross street). The Kapaikiko Hawaiian Band, Kailua Halau Hula with Kumu Hula, Michael Yamashita and Gerald Joseph, award-winning musician, as MC and other special guests. Tickets: \$12 at the door. Advance sales through Ashkenaz, 510-525-0999 or www.ashkenaz.com or Ticketmaster 866-468-3399 or www.ticketmaster.com. Children welcome. Ages 12 and under free. Come fragrance free. Contact Kathy Day, Ashkenaz 510-525-5099, ex. 2 or Amy Marsh, phosphoria@aol.com.

■ The **Cal Sailing Club** offers free sailboat rides on San Francisco Bay, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday Dec. 14, at the Cal Sailing Club, located at the Berkeley Marina, near the bottom of University Avenue next to Adventure Playground. Bring warm, waterproof clothes — you may get wet. For more information, call the club at 510-287-5905, or visit the Web site at www.cal-sailing.org.

■ The **Judah L. Magnes Museum**, 2911 Russell St., presents the exhibit "Brought to Light: The Storied Collections of the Judah L. Magnes Museum" through April 25. Hours: Open Sunday through Thursday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Closed Jewish and federal holidays. Admission is free. For more information, call 510-549-6950.

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■ **Berkeley Camera Club** meet Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. at the Northbrae Community Church, 941 The Alameda, Berkeley. Share slides and prints, learn

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■ **TOPS** (Take Pounds Off Sensibly) Chapter CA 1294 meets Thursdays, 7:15-8:30 p.m. Thursday at Mira Vista UCC Church, 7075 Cutting Blvd. TOPS is a non-profit organization assisting men and women in weight control. Betty Coates at 235-0490.

■ **Turning Point at the YWCA**, 2600 Bancroft Way, sponsors Resume Clinics on Tuesday afternoons, or by appointment. For an appointment, leave a message several days before you would like to meet. Anne Levine has a background in design and education. Call 848-6370.

■ **Berkeley's Office of Emergency Services** presents a new series of free Community Emergency Response Training classes. The classes give basic, practical information, including training in fire suppression, light search and rescue, and disaster first aid. All classes are held at the fire department's Emergency Operations Center, 997 Cedar St. The classes are open to everyone, 18 or older, who lives or works in Berkeley. Register: 644-8736.

■ **Berkeley Art Museum**, Pacific Film Archive offers a guided tour of Equal Partner: Men and Women Principals in Contemporary Architectural Practice presented by graduate students from the UC Berkeley Department of Architecture, College of Environmental Design on alternating Thursdays at 12:15 p.m. and on Sundays at 2 p.m. 642-0808.

■ **Overeaters Anonymous** meet Fridays at 1:30 p.m. at the Northbrae Community Church in Berkeley, 941 The Alameda between Solano and Marin avenues, in Room 2 — the child-care room — parents may bring their children. This organization is for individuals who eat compulsively. 525-5231.

■ **Toastmasters**, do it now. Stand up and say what you mean. Come practice Tuesday, noon to 1 p.m. at 700 Heinz Ave. Call 863-6708 for details.

■ **Civil Rights** activists needed. Write the ACLU chapter of Berkeley, Albany,

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■ **"Work Buddies"**: volunteers needed to work with people in early stage Alzheimer's Disease. Minimum six-month commitment, two to three hours per week. Training provided. Contact Nannette Lipton, 644-8292.

Exhibits

■ **John F. Kennedy University Arts Annex**, 2556 San Pablo Ave., presents the MFA Graduate Exhibition of artist Eleni Rivers entitled "Heaven & Earth" through Nov. 13. Gallery hours: Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call 510-649-0499.

■ **The Berkeley Art Center**, 1275 Walnut St., presents an exhibit of 60 postrevolutionary Cuban posters from the Cuban Film Institute, OSPAAAL, and Editora Politica with examples of work by Bay Area artists. Gallery hours: noon to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. Closed Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 27. Free admission, donations accepted. For a complete listing of other events at the Center, call 510-844-6893 or visit the Web site at www.berkeleyartcenter.org.

■ **The exhibit Early Women of Berkeley** (1878-1953) and their organizations runs through March 27. The exhibit, curated by the College Women's Club/Berkeley Branch of the American Association of University Women and the Berkeley Historical Society, celebrates how women shaped Berkeley's history, working alone and through their clubs. A women's history lecture series is also planned. Exhibit open is Sunday, Sept. 28 from 2-5 p.m. at the Berkeley History Center, 1931 Center St. Details: 848-0181. Admission free.

Film/dance/stage

■ **Contra Costa Civic Theatre**, 951 Pomona Ave., El Cerrito, continues its musical production "Forever Plaid" 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays through Nov. 29. Celebrate the delightful reincarnation of The Plaid, a guy group in-

volved in an accident while on its way to its first real gig. Tickets: \$20, \$12 age 16 and under. No performances Nov. 14-16. Reservations: 510-524-9132.

■ **Learn easy International folk dances**, fun for all ages at the Albany YMCA, 921 Kains Ave. No experience needed. Wear comfortable shoes and come prepared for a good time. Admission: Adults \$2, kids \$1. Details: 525-1130.

■ **Friday Night Folk Dancing**: 8 p.m. - 11 p.m.; no partners necessary for line dances taught from Rumania, Bulgaria, Israel, Turkey, Near East and other lands each Friday from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m., followed by request dances from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. No experience necessary - all ages welcome. Albany YMCA, 901 Kains Ave.; \$4; call 525-1542.

■ **Family Folkdancing** takes place the third Sunday, 1-2:30 p.m. at Ashkenaz Music and Dance Community Center, 1317 San Pablo Ave. Instructor: Denise Schultz Weiss. Bring your feet and a spirit of fun. No experience necessary. An opportunity for families to dance and laugh together. Drop in for good fun and exercise. All ages welcome. Drop-in class, no registration needed. Adults \$3, children \$2. Details: 632-3713.

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■ **Charcot Marie Tooth** support group meets Saturdays bi-monthly at the Berkeley Library, 1200 University Ave. from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. OCT is a hereditary pathologic disorder. Details: 524-3636.

■ **YWCA Health and Community** offers drop-in classes in dance, yoga, martial arts, more. Union City YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, Union City, CA 94606. Details: 524-3636.

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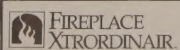
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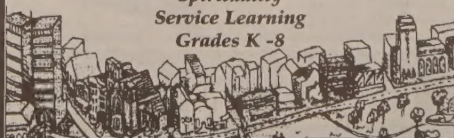
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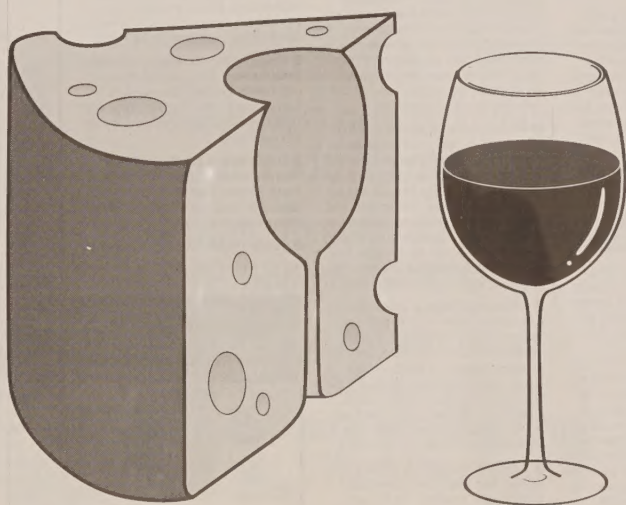


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■ **Tai Chi Chuan and Chi-kung** classes take place at Berkeley Unitarian Church at 7 p.m. on Wednesday evenings and 9 a.m. Saturday mornings at Berkeley Fellowship of Unitarian Universalists, 1924 Cedar St. People of all ages and physical conditions are welcome to practice. Donation: \$65. 268-4995.

■ **The WYCA** offers free orientations of its **Turning Point Career Center**. The orientations outline the resources available to the public as well as the different things that the center has to offer such as a great variety of workshops. They are held every Tuesday, at 1:30 p.m. The Turning Point Career Center is located at 2600 Bancroft Way, 848-6370.

■ **Learn computer applications** for the "working" world using Windows 95 and Microsoft Office 2000 software, Word, Excel, Access, PowerPoint. Publisher. Class offered: Monday-Friday, 2:15-6:15 p.m. Location: Contra Costa County Office of Education, 13925 San Pablo Ave., Suite No. 111, San Pablo. 237-0840 or www.cccoe.k12.ca.us/rop.

■ **Emotions Anonymous:** 12-step meetings every Sunday at 8 p.m. Call 326-8226 for Berkeley location.

Literary events

■ **Poetry Express**, holds its weekly Open Mike at 7 p.m. at the Priya Restaurant, 2072 San Pablo Ave. (near University), Berkeley. Host is Mark States. Nov. 10 features Dale Jensen plus Wendy Brown from Santa Fe, New Mexico; Nov. 17 features Susan Birkenland; Nov. 24 theme night "changing." Mention the reading and receive a 20 percent discount on dinner. For more information, e-mail berkeleypoetryexpress@yahoo.com

■ **David Garrett** from **Jews for Jesus** will speak at 11 a.m. Nov. 16, at Albany First Baptist Church, 1319 Solano Ave. Discussion topic: "How God is Working Among the Jews." The talk is free and open to the public. For more information, visit the Web site at www.albany-firstbaptist.org or call 510-526-6632.

■ **Bayswater Book Club** kicks off its monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 12, at Liu's Kitchen—Restaurant, 1593 Solano Ave., Berkeley. Help plan the annual Dec. 25 Christmas Day Party. As seating permits. For more information, call 510-433-2911.

■ **Albany Library**, 1247 Marin Ave., presents poetry events: First Thursdays include Open Mike and Featured Poet sessions from 7 to 9 p.m. Second

Wednesdays are drop-in Poetry Writing Workshops, for all ages. Second Saturdays are drop-in Poetry Writing Workshops for grades 4-8. All three events are free and on-going. Light refreshments will be served. Call Julie Winkelstein at 510-526-3720 ext. 20 for more information.

■ **Storytelling for Adults**, a group of storytellers, and listeners, who love to listen to stories, to keep the oral tradition alive, meet from 7 to 8:45 p.m. on the first Thursday each month at the Claremont Branch, Berkeley Public Library, 1940 Benvenue, at Ashby. Free. 610-644-6880, or 525-1533.

■ **The Reading Edge** is available for public use at the Berkeley Public Library, 2090 Kittredge St. This computer scans printed text and reads it back aloud with a synthesized voice. It's available for anyone with a disability that requires its use to access print material. Users must complete a brief training session before using the Reading Edge; after that, reservations are needed. Call at 644-6648 to set up a training session.

Meetings/lectures

■ **The El Cerrito Toastmasters** offers basic public speaking and leadership activities and programs. Speakers of all skill levels are invited to come, observe and participate. Meetings occur every second and fourth Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Mooser Lane. For more information contact Jim Bruce at jim@peachpit.com.

■ **Kol Hadash**, the Bay Area's only Jewish Humanistic Congregation, with more than 110 family members from around the Bay Area, meets on the fourth Friday of each month for a regular Shabbat (Sabbath), every other month on a Saturday for a Family Shabbat. The group holds Sunday school classes two Sundays a month, celebrates all the major Jewish holidays and holds special events from time to time. Location: Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Ave. 428-1492.

Miscellany

■ **Grizzly Peak Flyfishers**, a group dedicated to furthering the sport of fly fishing through education and conservation, holds its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Nov. 13, at the Kensington Community Center, 59 Arlington Ave. in Kensington. A fly-tying demonstration for beginners will be held at 6:30 p.m. before the meeting. A light dinner will be available for a modest price on a first-come, first-served basis. A talk by a guide on the upper Missouri River about fly fishing in his part of Montana. Expert, beginning and "wannabe" fly fishers are all welcome. For more information, call Richard Orlando at 510-547-8629.

■ **UC Botanical Garden** expert Chris Carmichael, will conduct a walk exploring the garden's rich collection of gymnosperms—a diverse assemblage of cone-bearing plants—10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Nov. 8. This tour will examine familiar cone bearers such as pines and redwoods, in addition to the palm-like cycads and unusual and obscure plants such as ephedra and Welwitschia. Fee: \$5; free to members. Space is limited; registration required. Location: UC Botanical Garden, 200 University Ave., Berkeley. Call 510-643-2837 or e-mail janekw@uclink4.berkeley.edu or visit the Web site at www.botanicalgarden.berkeley.edu/.

■ **Lawrence Hall of Science**, presents a Sweet Health Festival from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 9. Learn about the practical uses of sugar such as disinfecting wounds and re-hydrating tissues. Meet Bob's Mouth and become a Sugar Sleuth as you learn how to stay healthy and enjoy your sugar too with these hands-on activities and demonstrations. Admission: \$8.50 for adults; \$6.50 for youth 5-18, seniors, and disabled; \$4.50 for children 3-4. Free for children under 3. LHS Members, and full-time UC Berkeley students. Location: LHS is on Centennial Drive - above the UC Berkeley campus and just below Grizzly Peak Blvd. Parking is 50¢ per half hour; \$3 for four hours, and \$5 all day. LHS is accessible by AC Transit and the UC Berkeley Shuttle. General information, call 510-642-5132 or visit the Web site at www.lawrencehallscience.org

■ **St. John's Prime Timers** in Berkeley offers ongoing classes at 9:30 a.m. Tuesdays at St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave. Classes include exercises, ceramics, copper enameling, woodworking, weaving, creative writing, and tap dancing (Thursdays). New members are always welcome, especially seniors over 50. Call 845-6830 for more information.

■ **The Center for Independent Living** announces its newly created **Asian Outreach Program** to assist Asian individuals with disabilities, particularly new immigrants. Providing services and advocacy in Cantonese, Vietnamese, and English, program staff are culturally sensitive and knowledgeable of community and government service available to individuals with disabilities. For more information, call CIL at 510-763-9999.

■ **Friendship Circle**, a Jewish club for older adults, meet 11:30 to 1:30 p.m. Wednesdays, at the Oakland Senior Center, 200 Grand Ave. The club is an outreach program of Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center. Activities include day trips, Jewish holiday celebrations, theater outings, entertainment, speaker and much more. Call Maria at 848-0237 ext. 115 for details.

■ **Improve your speaking skills** by attending **Berkeley Communicators' Toastmaster** meetings, the first and third Wednesdays each month at 7:15

a.m. at Vault's Cafe, 3250 Adeline St. Call 527-2337 for more information.

■ **The Berkeley Camera Club** meets Tuesday evenings 7:30 p.m. at the Northbrae Community Church, 941 The Alameda. Share your slides and prints and learn what other photographers are doing. Monthly field trips. 525-3565.

■ **Disabled American Veterans** Chapter 25 meets on the third Tuesday of the month. The evening begins with a no host dinner and fellowship at 7 p.m. at 2068 Center St. A short business meeting follows at 8 p.m. at 1931 Center St., the Veterans Memorial Building. Price: \$3. Women who have had relatives in the US Military are invited to attend and join the auxiliary. R. DeRiti, Cmdr. D.A.V. Chapter 25, 916-372-8364.

■ **The WYCA** offers free orientations of its **Turning Point Career Center**. The orientations outline the resources available to the public and the great variety of workshops held every Tuesday, 1:30 p.m. The Turning Point Career Center is located at 2600 Bancroft Way. For more information, call 848-6370.

■ **The Berkeley Avatar Metaphysics** Toastmasters Club meet on the first and third Thursdays, from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m., at 2515 Hillegass Ave. Public speaking skills and metaphysics come together. For details, call 869-2547 or 643-7645.

■ **The Kensington Senior Activity Center** meets on Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave. The center's community program of life-long learning is presented by the West Contra Costa Adult School. Attend any class or event you choose. Everyone over 55 is welcome. Details: 526-9146 or 547-1969.

■ **Speak Smart! Join Beijing Express Toastmasters.** The Smart Club! Meetings take place each Monday, 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. at Peking Express Restaurant, 2068 Center St. For additional information call 549-9671.

■ **Toastmasters:** Stand up and say what you mean. Come practice with us. Every Tuesday, Noon to 1 p.m. at 700 Heinz Ave. Berkeley. Call 883-6706 for more information.

■ **Joy of Yiddish:** Yiddish conversation

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■ **The Berkeley Arthritis Support and Education Group** meets on the second Tuesday of each month (except December) 1 to 2:30 p.m. in the Maffly Auditorium, Herrick Campus, 2001 Dwight Way. 204-4503.

■ **Toastmasters on Campus** meet the second and fourth Wednesday of the month from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. at the English Language Program Building, 2515 Hillegass. 704-1822.

■ **"Voices of Healing"** is a group exploring the psychological and spiritual dimensions of illness and healing. The group meets on the second Friday of

each month, 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the Berkeley, 528-1235.

■ **State Health Toastmasters** meet the second, third and fourth Thursdays of each month, 12:10-1:10 p.m. at the Health building, 2151 Berkeley Way. 649-7750.

■ **Higher Alignment:** 7 p.m.-9:30 p.m. Mondays; fun, informative evening spiritual partnership. For more information, call 415-461-5337; \$20.

■ **Alta Bates Support Group** meets the second Tuesday of every month, 1-2:30 p.m. 204-4503. Call for additional information.

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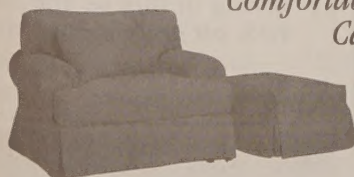
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The school district, the Albany Teachers Association, and the budget advisory committee formed a partnership to hold a community-wide discussion around this theme. It is all part of a program called Future Search "a program which encourages citizens to join together as they examine decisions that need to be made today so that our hopes and aspirations for our children can be realized tomorrow."

It was held over a recent weekend, at the Albany Community Center, a well-planned event that included teachers, past and present school board members, city officials, an important group of fund-raisers, and even a group of eighth-graders who were inspiring to all of us.

We were put into groups, each group at a round table which made discussion easy and exciting. My group was a good sample: Gloria Sims, who teaches English at Albany High; Phyllis Zisman, pharmacist; Miriam Walden, a mom, teacher and AUSD school board president; writer Robert Menzimer (whose Life is a Movie column appears in the Journal); Nadine Ghamache, a mom, project coordinator in UC Berkeley's history department and peace activist; Marilyn Jossens, parent of an Albany High student; David Jaccos Pontecarro, parent and School/CARE board member; Anthony Wang, principal of Albany-Berkeley Chinese School; Frances Ho, our very bright eighth-grader; and me, a columnist and community activist.

In a directed conversation, we were to discuss what would happen if things stayed as they are now. The predictions were sad: large class sizes, a lack of supplies and books, the loss of art and music in the school, and the deepening of the division between college-bound students and those who for one reason or another could not go to college.

One of our teachers spoke of her fear that the Albany schools could become a prep school for college-bound students, with



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other students receiving less attention and education. As we went around the room, it was obvious that all of the groups were seeing pretty much the same dark picture. Then we were told to discuss what we would like to see for the future. Diversity was in most people's minds, as were, of course, adequate facilities, the availability and variety of classes, a robust curriculum, and much more. It was a beautiful picture. The point was finding common ideas and thoughts, and as we went around the room we found much in common.

The next day we were in groups according to our connection with the schools. Our group was the community members.

Again the conversations were directed: what was needed, what directions should be taken, etc. Sunday morning was dedicated to each group deciding what it could do to make these ideas and directions happen.

It was inspiring to hear the teachers offer to take on more burden, to have the school board and city council members plan what they could do, and to listen to the eighth-graders' straightforward presentation of their perception of what must happen. Our group could only say that we would work with them all, and back their efforts.

Papers were put up on the walls, and people signed up eagerly for various projects. It was a full weekend of conversation, and it worked. We ended up with concrete suggestions and ideas, and were determined to make it happen.

A happy Superintendent Wong bade goodbye to a group of people who had studied the schools and were ready to roll up their sleeves and improve them.

Do you know people, places or groups in El Cerrito, Albany or Kensington that would make good subjects for this column? If so, write me at 555 Pierce St., No. 443, Albany, CA 94706 or call 510-525-4585. My e-mail is crgenser@aol.com.

Keeping a handle on things when schedule gets busy

Q. Although I am "getting on" I lead a very busy life. In fact, it seems almost frantic these days. So many things going on — social affairs, household necessities, and so on. Recently I realized that I have been forgetting a few responsibilities and even an appointment. I think I need help!

A. This sounds like a situation that will benefit from the word "organize." You need to find ways that will require less time than you now spend while attending to all your responsibilities. What methods do you use to help you keep track of all the things you must do?

One essential for both current and long-term planning is a calendar. A daily check of the day's activities is necessary, of course, and perhaps even more than once to make sure you have not forgotten anything. Also, start preparing for the next day and perhaps even further ahead



CONNIE LYNCH
Don't Lose Your Mind

when necessary.

Lists are also important. Don't go shopping without one. Whenever you think of something you need, write it on the list immediately. Do not wait or you may get distracted and forget all about it. A sure way to misuse time is to make two trips to complete an errand when one should have been sufficient.

Another type of list that can be most helpful is a scrap of paper and a pencil kept at your bedside. Many of us have new ideas or remember responsibilities around 3 a.m. It often helps

me get back to sleep if I just jot it down, knowing then that it will not have slipped my mind in the morning.

Do you ever forget to take a particular object with you that you have promised to someone? Perhaps a friend wants to borrow a book, so you have promised to take it to her when you go to lunch. Then at lunch — no book! How do you make sure you won't forget? Put the book where you cannot miss it. Place it directly in front of the door, or take it to your car well before you plan to leave.

Try to organize your daily errands in the most efficient way. Unless a time schedule interferes, take the shortest, quickest route. Know ahead of time exactly where you are going and the route you will take. It really pays off in time saved.

Are you trying to remember things that are unnecessary? Try

to consider all the things that are all right to forget. For example, if you have made a shopping list, you need not remember the items on it. Just read it at the proper time, and you will not have to read some books for relaxation, and purposely remember them or things. Those details are not to be to my life. Nobody will be harmed if I forget them.

As I always stress, a few minutes each day of mental stimulation is a crossword puzzle. I read you are already busy. I want to be, but organizing should help you to save some mental activity for your concentration, and other mental activities.

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Heroes

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Carcione and Carter rescued Shaheed Ansarullah, who was trapped inside a van that ended up on the porch of the burning home. Carcione forced open the driver's side door and extracted Ansarullah with Carter's help.

Maples, Kirkland and Zink helped rescue Kapil Sharam, the driver of the dump truck, who was trapped inside the burning vehi-

cle. Maples responded to the scene and immediately ran through intense heat and fire to clear debris away from the vehicle and, with the assistance of Kirkland and Zink, was able to pull the driver to safety.

"Although the accident was devastating in terms of property loss and injuries," read a council resolution, "the outstanding efforts of ... public safety officers who responded to this accident averted a greater tragedy and saved the lives of those injured."

The Richmond and El Cerrito fire departments were also praised for averting a greater tragedy and preventing further loss of property.

"... This accident and resulting fire underscores the need for a close working relationship with neighboring jurisdictions, and the response of the Richmond Fire Department is an example of such a relationship."

The El Cerrito fire department personnel was lauded for being "dedicated to their mission of enhancing community safety by re-

ducing the loss of life and property while safeguarding the environment by effectively responding to such emergencies."

The awards were given on a recommendation by Chief Scott Kirkland, who recognized for his efforts was nominated by police.

In accordance with policy, the civilians were given framed citations.

Landscape

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Andersen said the city has seen the number of workers decrease over the years, while the city's infrastructure ages. The six full-time workers and one part-time worker have their hands full dealing with emergencies, particularly sewer problems, he said.

On Buchanan Street, the irrigation hasn't worked for at least 10 years.

The city will make improvements next spring, he said, such as building low-maintenance landscaping on Buchanan, contracting

out maintenance work and buying a mobile water trailer than can more easily water the medians.

In addition, the priorities now being assembled for the Measure F bond measure passed last year will take into account the need for landscaping.

"We would all like this to be improved," said Lieberman. "That's the bottom line."

Snider said she's unsatisfied with their answers. She questioned why the city was trying to get new ball fields with Measure F money, when it can't even maintain what it has.

She pictures tall trees replacing the stunted palms on the

Buchanan Street medians and no trash and weeds around schools. She would like to see money allocated from the lighting and landscape assessment to do that.

"I'll overlook the last 15 years if they take the time and allocate the money," she said.

Currently, no money is allocated from the Lighting and Landscaping Assessment District No.

1988-1 for Buchanan Street medians or Solano Avenue maintenance. The revenue by 04 fiscal year is about \$100,000.

Lieberman said she knows why those two areas even listed in the assessment, as the money is for "commercial strip zones" not for open space, not she said.

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Principal

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and work with them on solving that problem. He gets to know students right away."

A month into the school year, Rosenbaum said there are still a lot of kids to meet. He doesn't want to waste any time. "I'm used to every kid knowing me," he said.

Before school starts in the morning and after the final bell rings at the end of the day, Rosenbaum hangs out in front of the main building to greet students and their parents. He walks the halls during breaks between classes and mingles with the students at lunch. He cheers on the Albany Cougars at football and volleyball games. "It's important for the principal to be there," he said.

Instead of calling him "Mr. Rosenbaum" or "Principal," many of his students at Oakland Tech called him "uncle" or even "dad." Rosenbaum said he hopes to reach that level of comfort and familiarity with the students at Albany High, as well.

Rosenbaum proudly pointed to the bulletin board in his office, where a photograph of himself and one of his former Oakland Tech students, Leon Powe, was displayed. Powe is now a fresh-



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RON ROSENBAUM is the new principal at Albany High School.

man at UC Berkeley on a full basketball scholarship.

"Leon came from a really tough situation," Rosenbaum said. "But if you give kids the right environment and stand by them, they'll rise above your expectations."

Above the photo, Rosenbaum had pictures of Cesar Chavez and Miles Davis, two of his heroes. In the early '70s he was drawn to Berkeley because of its political and musical energy. He said his interests in civil rights and music are both alive in his work

as an educator. "Education is political work," he said. "I first found out at a rally that I liked working with young people."

A folk jazz musician himself, Rosenbaum said he discovered he was good at teaching when he realized how similar it was to performing. "I was standing in front of a class one day and it just clicked — it's just like being on-stage," he said. "Great educators are really good showbiz people."

Rosenbaum said he's looking forward to a productive year at Albany High. On the agenda are addressing student behavior at nighttime events on campus and increasing student involvement in the decision-making process at the school.

"We need to create a culture where we can trust students to be responsible by adding positive reinforcements" instead of dwelling on negativity, Rosenbaum said.

"But in order to teach responsibility, we as educators have to be responsible, as well. We have to open up dialogue among ourselves and in our community," he said. "The old model of passing information from my mouth to your brain doesn't work."

Carrie Ching is a freelance journalist and a graduate student at UC Berkeley.

Temple

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the groups the Freemasons and the Sons of Italy, some commissioners and residents said the new use may be different.

"If it's true that it's a change in use, we do have to look at it in different way, rather than saying it's a continuation of what's always been done," said planning and zoning commissioner Ruth Ganong.

Viale agreed the use would be different. "It's time to change," he said. "That's why the building was sold."

The real issue, he said, came down to people not wanting a business that serves alcohol. But many businesses on San Pablo and Solano avenues serve alcohol, and Viale said he doesn't understand why his proposal is being treated differently.

"I looked at what's going on in the city and thought it was not going to be a problem at all," said Viale, who owned three restaurants at El Cerrito Plaza from the early 1970s to the late 1980s. "That's why I was really shocked when (the commission meeting) happened."

Ganong agreed that residents and commission members were concerned about the number of establishments that serve alcohol on San Pablo Avenue.

She said residents also voiced worries about noise, particularly at closing time.

Viale said that wouldn't affect residents because customers would park on San Pablo Avenue and not on side streets, where people live. "It appears they're pretty negative about (the proposal), and I don't understand why," Viale said.

Resident Clay Larson said the planning staff recommendation was flawed in part because it falsely assumed the project was similar to what the building was used for in the past. He said the proposed use is commercial, while the old use was "quasi-public."



DAVID VIALE, who wants to turn this vacant building on Solano Avenue into a pool hall/bar, has encountered resistance from the city and residents who worry about the amount of noise the business will bring.

He said it makes sense for the planning commission to reconsider its approval.

Gross said that from the planning staff's standpoint, the change in use isn't that significant, but the staff is looking at whether San Pablo Avenue is "overconcentrated" with businesses that sell alcohol. That could partially form the basis for a recommendation to deny the use permit, he said.

Tax

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Police Employees Association and Lani Puzey, president of union SEIU, Local 790.

Puzey estimated that about 55 people from that service-employees union work within various city departments, many of whom signed a petition supporting the March election.

Resident Sharlene Loretz called herself part of an El Cerrito "silent majority" that appreciates the city government and doesn't want to see city services or staff cut.

"I'm sorry to hear some people think piddly little taxes are too much to pay for civilization," Loretz said.

In April, the Citizens Alliance

questioned the legality of the city's property transfer tax, which generated \$900,000 annually. That led to a repeal of the tax in August.

That same month, Brusatori asked for the utility users tax to be placed on the council agenda for discussion, which lead to the council's Oct. 20 decision to place the tax on the ballot.

Former El Cerrito Councilman Norman La Force asked the council not to spend down the city's emergency reserve and not to repeal the tax just to please the Citizens Alliance.

"If we cut what's being suggested here — fire, police, and even the other services — we don't have a city anymore," La Force said. "We have a dump of a town."

The council voted 4-0 at Mon-

day night's meeting not to repeal the tax. Brusatori abstained.

The tax, an 8 percent fee on cable television, telephone and gas and electric service, generates \$2.2 million, or 13 percent of the city's general fund annually.

"There's no way around service reductions and staff reductions," if the tax is lost, said City Manager Scott Hanin. "It's as simple as that."

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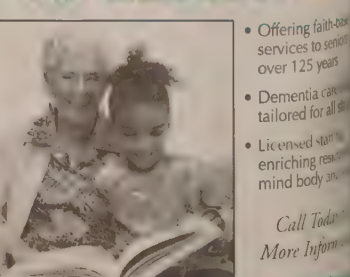
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 - Tiling: 5 days for tile counters; 2 days for stone counters
 - Painting: 11 days
 - Flooring: 2 days if vinyl; 6 days if wood
 - Finish utilities (electric, plumbing fixtures installed): 4 days
 - Clean up: 2 days
 - Total: 85 days, 17 work weeks
- Since some of this work is done concurrently — this type of kitchen remodel would typically be done in 12 to 14 weeks.



PAUL WINANS
From the Ground Up

People unfamiliar with the remodeling process are sometimes shocked by what a realistic timeline actually looks like. This is because there are many more steps to a project than you might imagine — especially if the job is to be done right.

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Real Estate Spotlight:

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Home sales up 28 percent

Median price posts 17.9 percent increase, when compared to September

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The median price of an existing home in California in September increased 17.9 percent and sales increased 28 percent compared to the same period a year ago, the California Association of Realtors (C.A.R.) reported recently.

"We're continuing to experience the impact of the recent rise in mortgage interest rates on home sales in California," said C.A.R. president Toby Bradley. "Although interest rates are still near their historic lows, the psychological impact of rising rates has created a heightened

sense of urgency in the housing market."

Closed escrow sales of existing, single-family detached homes in California totaled 631,880 in September at a seasonally adjusted annualized rate, according to information collected by C.A.R. from more than 90 local Realtor associations statewide. Statewide home resale activity increased 28 percent from the 493,800 sales pace recorded in September 2002.

The statewide sales figure represents what the total number of homes sold during 2003 would be

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Toby Bradley
C.A.R. president

if sales maintained the September pace throughout the year. It is adjusted to account for seasonal factors that typically influence home sales.

The median price of an existing, single-family detached home in California during September 2003 was \$380,040, a 17.9 percent increase over the revised \$322,450 median

for September 2002. C.A.R. reported. The September 2003 median price decreased 5.0 percent compared to a revised \$400,020 median price in August.

"Year-to-date sales have increased 2.8 percent compared to the same period a year ago, while unsold inventory remained near its record low at 2.1 months in September," said Leslie Appleton-Young, C.A.R.'s vice president and chief economist.

Highlights of C.A.R.'s resale

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Report

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■ Thirty-year fixed mortgage interest rates averaged 6.15 percent during September 2003, up from 6.09 percent in September 2002, according to Freddie Mac. Adjustable mortgage interest rates averaged 3.86 percent in September 2003 compared to 4.29 percent in September 2002.

■ The median number of days it took to sell a single-family home was 26 days in September 2003, compared to a revised 23 days for the same period a year ago.

In a separate report covering more localized statistics generated by C.A.R. and DataQuick Information Systems, 93.7 percent or 354 of 378 cities and communities showed an increase in their respective median home prices from a year ago.

DataQuick statistics are based on county records data rather than MLS information. DataQuick Information Systems is a subsidiary of Vancouver-based MacDonald Dettwiler and Associates.

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An investment strategy, uncertain times

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In March and April, the shares are selling at \$4 per share, so you can buy 25 shares at the end of each of those months. In May, you again are able to obtain 20 shares at \$5, while in June the stock closes at \$10, enabling you to buy 10



LEILA GOUIN
Money Moves

shares. As a result, over a month period, you would buy a total of 140 shares. Looking back, if you had the same \$600 as a lump sum in January, you would have only 120 shares of XYZ stock. Dollar cost averaging, however, only were you able to acquire additional shares, but the price you paid per share averaged from \$5 to about \$4.20.

In hindsight, you may be saying that you would have better off investing the money in February instead of June. We all know we can't see the future, and while the years have shown dramatic market, the next few years full of increasing stock prices.

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the mounds of my dis-
posal from the street in front
I woke up just in time
I was led into the huge
time garbage truck, heard
the rumbling and creaking as
the platform bed was
snapped in two,
I nearly snapped in two,
I was gone.

At the moment the notice
the garbage company arrived
weeks ago announcing the
pickup date, I've been plan-
ning to get rid of it. I do this
year. My eyes and mind
every corner of my home
for items that can go
to the dump. No need for bury-
ing it in the dump run, no try-to-give-it-
away, have to do it get what-
ever I want to the curb very
early in the morning.

I had a huge and heavy
wooden bookshelf sort of thing
in the garage. It came with the
house. I didn't want it, but how
could I disappear? Dismantling
it was a nightmare.

Where a window is
can take from 1 day to 8
depending on the com-
pany where you live.

Surprises
The timeline takes into ac-
count a day or two here and there
something is actually de-
scribed a material was de-
scribed, or if an area simply
is longer than ex-
pected. However, it does not take
into account any real surprises
that surface along the way,
which are not that uncommon.

For example, opening the
wall finding that the electri-
cians is not in the condition
and needs to be re-
done, or you begin digging for
water to find a layer of con-
crete beneath from a previous
owner.

It is to understand that
things do happen every day
in remodeling projects, and when
your contractor should
be able to address them.
I would also assume that the
contract will then be adjusted.

On the course
The timeline also does not
take into account changing your
mind something once the pro-
ject is underway. This, too, is not
uncommon.

For example, let's say you de-
cide work has begun, that
you want to add a little stained-
glass window in the ceiling that
was planned for. In most
cases the remodeling contractor
will stop the work, and make
necessary plans to add this
change. This change may also af-
fect portions of the remodel
that is slated to be done next,
and not be done until after this
is added, causing a
delay in the timeline.

Good to be true?
I've gotten multiple bids
from remodelers for your project,
and include a timeline or at
least a start and completion date,
and to check it carefully. Of-
ten a contractor will give
an optimistically optimistic time-
line to increase their
chance of getting the job.

There
It may not only be disap-
pointing when it isn't done "on
time" but understand that you
are sacrificing the quality of
the work done as well. In our ex-
perience in the remodeling busi-
ness, it seems too good to be
true — virtually 100 percent
of the time.

Don't add fudge-factor
The above timeline is re-
alistic, assuming that it
includes a little longer is gener-
ally correct, and will greatly de-
crease your stress level through-
out the project. It's also wise to
consider that a space "must
be done by the holidays."

It can be a tight timeline to
be happy, you're setting
up for disappointment
and inconvenience.
To reduce stress during a
remodel, you may want to
hire a remodeling contractor.

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it, even shifting it elsewhere would
have been monumental.

Bulky pickup day was an-
nounced and it occurred to me that
if I could just get the behemoth out-
side, the garbage guys would take
it away forever.

It took some doing, several pairs
of hands, but we got it out there a
day ahead of time. I could hardly
wait till the next morning to see it
eaten. I was up at 5 a.m. checking
the street from my windows. Finally,
an hour later, I heard the truck and
ran to the best vantage point, my
front porch.

I thought the guys might be in-
timidated by the size of the shelf,
but they weren't. Impassively, two
men walked to its ends, then ef-
fortlessly heaved it into the truck
jaws. It was absolutely thrilling. The
truck gulped it down taking only a
few bites.

I do wish I had a refrigerator or
chest freezer, even a big old recliner
chair, to feed to the truck. I'd love
to see those go. But mostly I have
every year a lot of garbage bags
full of leaves and plant prunings,
sometimes tree limbs. Good to get

rid of so much so easily but sorta
boring.

Almost always, in my zeal, my
annual clean-up and clear-out
mode, I put out on the street things
I'd meant to donate to charity. Peo-
ple come by and take them. Dis-
carded dishes and pans, extra cof-
fee maker, ratty looking TV tables,
all are seen as found treasure by
those who come to the neighbor-
hood the day before pickup.

It's great when people want what
I don't, when they see something
and claim it as their own. It isn't al-
ways easy to persuade charities to
come collect items, even good and
useable ones.

A client recently cleaned out a

house and set aside kitchenware,
furniture, and a massive number of
clean clothes. He called Salvation
Army, a mistake. As promised, they
arrived, but the driver rejected the
whole lot. There was no time to get
someone else. Everything went to
the dump.

Some things, like televisions, are
nearly impossible to get rid of. Last
year a client wanted to dispose of
a vintage TV-in-a-cabinet. He carted
it to various charities and dumps,
carried that big old TV around in
the trunk of his car for a couple of
weeks before giving up and stick-
ing it in his garage.

From my street I've passed
along to anyone who wanted them

sheets of plywood, sheetrock, lum-
ber and fencing. Once I put out a

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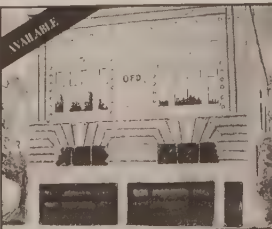
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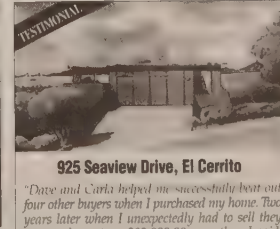
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This marks the 10th year the company has received this award. Winans and the other 499 companies were honored at an awards event in early October.

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Gough

FROM PAGE B2

per share. As you can see, by investing a predetermined amount of money every month, or even on a quarterly basis, you do not have to be as concerned about the actual price of the investment and whether its value is about to rise or fall.

Dollar cost averaging can help make you a disciplined investor by requiring you to commit to investing a regular fixed amount of money.

This practice will help you remember to make those investments and spare you the anguish of having to come up with a larger amount of money all at once.

And if you choose to invest on the same day each month, you will take the guesswork out of trying to time the market.

Keep in mind that this investment strategy does not guarantee profit or protect against loss in declining markets, and it is most effective when you take a long-term approach to investing.

Because dollar cost averaging requires continuous investment in securities regardless of fluctuating

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prices, you should consider your financial ability to continue purchases through periods of low price levels.

Talk to your financial consultant about strategies that may work best for your goals and needs.

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Tarpoiff

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pink toilet that I was happy to help a neighbor load into her car. She shouted back as she drove away that her husband would probably kill her for taking it. I understood. My son had just dragged home from another neighbor's pile an impossibly awful upholstered chair. He covered it with a sheet and used it in his room until it was added to our discards the next year.

I always put out jigsaw puzzles, ones I've worked and am done with. They're complete in their boxes, the lids taped securely on.

I'm ever hopeful that another jigsaw puzzler will come along and be happy to find them, take them. But it's never happened. Every year the puzzles end up going into the truck.

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continue to improve, which is great for the remodeling industry.

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Co-owners Paul and Nina Winans are both National Association of the Remodeling Industry (NARI) Certified Remodelers. Paul has given many seminars to homeowners over the past several years and writes the "From the Ground

Up" column (see page B1) on construction for Hills Newspapers.

The 26th annual Top 500 was published in the September 2003 issue of Qualified Remodeler, and on the magazine's Web site: www.qualifiedremodeler.com.

"The 2003 Top 500 is a record volume," says Roger Stanley, editor-in-chief. "The increases indicate that Top 500 companies continue to expand their sales volume, which is a good sign."

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Now's the time to plant those bulbs

BY BUZZ BERTOLERO

CORRESPONDENT

Q. When is the best time to plant bulbs? Is it OK to plant bulbs in containers/planters instead of the ground?

A.: It's perfectly OK to plant bulbs in containers of all sizes and shapes. The best time to plant is from the end of October through the end of the year. This is when the days are getting shorter and cooler. For the best selection, purchase your bulbs from mid-September through October.

Chill the tulip and hyacinth bulbs need in a refrigerator for six weeks before planting. Be sure to remove any fruits from the refrigerator, as the ethylene gas released from the fruit will damage the bulbs. The rest of the bulbs can be stored in the garage or any other cool location until you are ready to plant.

Depending on the size of the container, you can double or triple deck different types of bulbs in one container. When you are ready to plant be sure to add bulb food to the soil

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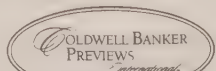
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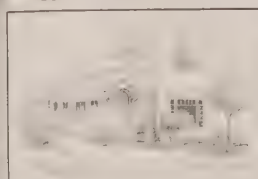
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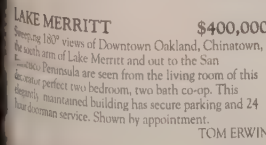
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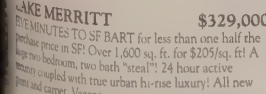
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The public is always welcome at the Inform Meeting sponsored by the Alameda Association of Realtors. The next meeting is at 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, Nov. 11. The location is the Garden Isle Community Center on Melrose Avenue in Alameda. This month's guest speakers are a panel discussing volunteer opportunities at local nonprofits. Agents are encouraged to bring information on new listings. For more information contact Mary Canizzaro of AAR at 510-523-7229.

Remodel Class

Attend "Remodeling Your Home: From Ideas To Reality". This Piedmont Adult School workshop is tomorrow from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Instructor Mercedes Corbell of Corbell Design + Architecture will discuss the practical aspects of remodeling. Call for enrollment information at 510-594-6716 or visit www.piedmontadultschool.org.

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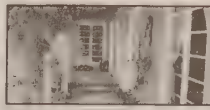
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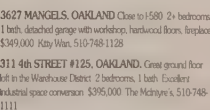
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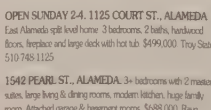
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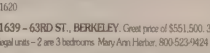
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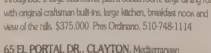
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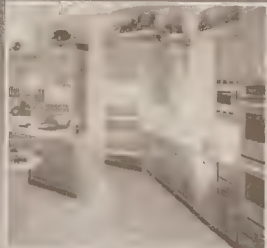


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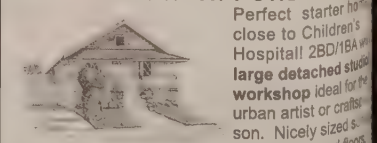
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sunset through a window of one-
way glass for privacy.
Residential Kitchen between
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Moroso Construction, Inc.,
Pacifica
This kitchen remodel involved
removing a section of a wall to
open the kitchen into the adjacent

dining room and expand the fan-
tastic view of San Francisco. New
fir cabinets and appliances were
also installed.
Residential Kitchen more
than \$100,000:
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Podesta Construction, Inc.,
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D'Auray Interior Design
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modernized to create an exciting
space for cooking, dining and en-

tertaining. The owner also wanted
an office area. The remodel in-
volved all new lighting, removing
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This historic remodel involved the entire infrastructure including new wiring, plumbing, and hydronic heating with a domestic hot water recovery system, plus foundation and seismic work. Much of the original redwood was saved, re-milled and reinstalled.

Residential Interior under \$100,000: Alamo

Gayler Construction, Danville, and Zakian-Greenough Interiors, Hayward

Removing a wall and adding French doors opened and gave more light to the living room of a dated ranch style home in Alamo. The room's fireplace also was re-designed using natural stone.

Residential Interior over \$100,000: San Francisco

Spark Construction, San Francisco

An entire interior remodel of a San Francisco home, this project involved the kitchen, powder room, all bedrooms, relocating some walls, adding a walk-in dressing room and enclosed laundry room, custom skylights, new windows, new roof and sliding doors from the sunroom to the garden.

Residential Addition \$250,000-\$500,000: Fairfax

Beck Custom Builders, Novato

The client wanted an addition to increase the size of the family room downstairs, and upstairs add a studio and an exercise room. The rear facade of the addition also included an outdoor wood-burning fireplace that they could enjoy while soaking in the nearby hot tub.

Designer division awards

Residential Kitchen between \$30,000 to \$60,000: Berkeley

R.A.W. Concepts Architecture, Berkeley, and Tappan Builders, Berkeley

The kitchen of this century-old Berkeley Craftsman brown shingle home had last been remodeled in the late 1980s in a stark black and white style. The current owners wished to incorporate a warm Craftsman style where they could prepare food and entertain guests. Dropped beams created a coffered ceiling, and the island work area was enlarged for buffet style dining and casual seating.

Residential Kitchen \$60,000-\$100,000: Penngrove

Mahoney Architects, Tiburon

The owners of this farmhouse in Penngrove wanted to remodel and enlarge their kitchen yet keep the original gas range and ovens as the centerpiece of the design. A local artist painted the custom-made cabinets to make them look like the originals. They also chose a farm-style sink and the open dish display.

Residential Addition less than \$100,000: Alameda

Zakian-Greenough Interiors, Hayward

An avid collector of fine southwestern art, the owner wanted to incorporate a casual southwest design into an addition that greatly expanded the kitchen and enlarged the deck of the upstairs master bedroom. The new kitchen features two cooking stations, a large peninsula with seats for five and a second sink, plus French doors and passive solar heating. New windows take advantage of the view, plus provide light and fresh air. The new computer station also serves as a buffet center.

Residential Interior more than \$100,000: Berkeley

R.A.W. Concepts Architecture, Berkeley, and Tappan Builders, Berkeley

Truly a transformation of interior space, this job restructured existing space beneath the roofline without adding any square footage in order to remodel the master bedroom and bathroom. A closet under the rafters was used to create an extension of the master bath. The tub was located under a low ceiling and roof windows provided additional headroom. A large roof window in the master shower provided a spectacular view of the city plus natural light and additional headroom. The kitchen was also remodeled.

Residential Interior Specialty: Danville

Frazier Tile, Danville

The homeowner wanted to dress up the stove's existing granite backsplash without great expense. Frazier Tile created a mural of mosaic accents and travertine tiles placed on the diagonal. The framed mural was mounted to the existing granite backsplash.

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3236 Adams St - \$430,000
1007 Azalea Dr - \$500,000
18 Barry Ct - \$500,000
3280 Briggs Av - \$350,000
2615 Calhoun St - \$636,000
3443 Capella Ln - \$410,000
3468 Catalina Av - \$569,000
800 Central Av - \$522,000
1329 Crown Dr - \$540,000
387 Driftwood Ln - \$390,000
4414 Drywood Ct - \$447,500
1025 Eagle Av - \$420,000
3149 Gilbert Ln - \$480,000
3157 Gilbert Ln - \$350,000
54 Kilkenny Pl - \$950,000
3283 Liberty Av - \$855,000
1562 Lincoln C - \$375,000
3538 Magnolia Dr - \$440,000
3453 Oleander Av - \$483,000
2051 Otis Dr #B - \$325,000
2101 Shoreline 230 - \$366,000
2101 Shoreline 256 - \$310,000
3347 Solomon - \$463,000
1333 Webster 217 - \$285,000
1311 Webster E203 - \$300,000
619 Willow St - \$290,000

ALBANY

822 Madison St - \$475,000
1027 Peralta Av - \$826,000
555 Pierce 240 - \$287,000
1433 Washington - \$525,000

BERKELEY

1307 Acton St - \$940,000
1728 Acton St - \$490,000
1431 Addison St - \$460,000
2137 Browning St - \$491,000
1830 Carleton St - \$465,000
1302 Carson St - \$399,000
3132 Ellis St - \$420,000
880 Ensenada Av - \$590,000
49 Evergreen - \$1,316,000
2315 Howe St - \$550,000
9 Maybeck Twins - \$975,000
1301 Milvia St - \$550,000
2141 Oregon St - \$375,000
1227 Oxford St - \$410,000
1516 Prince St - \$600,000
2877 Shasta Rd - \$435,000
807 Shattuck Av - \$917,500
680 Spruce St - \$890,000
1446 Stannage - \$502,500
1 Vicente Rd - \$900,000
2621 Virginia St - \$650,000
1335 Ward St - \$480,500

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736 Ashbury Av - \$465,000
2309 Cedar St - \$499,000
6108 Cypress Av - \$365,000
843 Elm St - \$425,000
2010 Junction Av - \$489,500
5430 MacDonald Av - \$485,000
112 Ramona Av - \$528,000
2616 Tassajara Av - \$441,000
7450 Terrace Dr - \$582,000

EL SOBRANTE

4747 Canyon Rd - \$350,000
639 El Cerro Dr - \$415,000
4091 Garden Rd - \$360,000

EMERYVILLE

6363 Christie 711 - \$275,000
9 Commodore A202 - \$185,000
3 Commodore B265 - \$179,000
105 Liquid Sugar Dr - \$443,500
1500 Park Ave 304 - \$207,000

KENSINGTON

269 Stanford Av - \$702,000
254 Yale Av - \$855,000

OAKLAND

1418 102nd Av - \$280,000
2001 103rd Av - \$215,000
1829 107th Av - \$320,000
1432 24th Av - \$350,000
689 34th St - \$339,000
458 36th St - \$350,000
3720 38th Av - \$225,000
3760 39th AA - \$295,000
389 42nd St - \$519,000
847 42nd St - \$365,000
2932 55th Av - \$315,000
1051 60th St - \$605,000
2451 61st Av - \$342,000
1301 62nd Av - \$240,000
1307 62nd Av - \$252,500
1351 63rd Av - \$225,000
2328 64th Av - \$329,000
2118 65th Av - \$360,000
2238 65th Av - \$285,000
445 66th St - \$522,000
1080 69th Av - \$215,000
1005 70th Av - \$195,000
946 71st Av - \$241,000
1038 72nd Av - \$137,000
946 75th Av - \$250,000
1293 79th Av - \$221,500
1476 81st Av - \$255,000
1933 84th Av - \$430,000
1457 87th Av - \$290,000
2028 87th Av - \$283,000
2021 88th Av - \$278,000
1963 89th Av - \$295,000
675 8th St #7 - \$419,000
675 8th St #8 - \$299,000
303 Adams 107 - \$265,000
4115 Aqua Vista - \$267,000
1087 Ardmore Av - \$699,000

1700 Auseon Av - \$310,000
5819 Balboa Dr - \$580,000
3033 Bartlett St - \$328,000
127 Bayo Vista 107 - \$214,000
5290 B'way Tr 302 - \$458,500
6108 Bromley Av - \$265,000
6151 Buena Vista - \$1,085,000
2309 Bywood Dr - \$900,000
300 Caldecott109 - \$285,000
6108 Bromley Av - \$287,500
320 Caldecott129 - \$362,000
260 Caldecott213 - \$393,000
3933 Cerrito Av - \$539,000
3440 Coolidge Av - \$237,000
484 Crescent St - \$610,000
6218 Crown Av - \$615,000
3839 Delmont Av - \$208,500
5662 Dover St - \$495,000
2634 East 10th St - \$198,000
1204 East 15th St - \$380,000
2612 East 20th St - \$133,000
3004 East 29th St - \$296,000
2830 East 9th St - \$375,000
1126 Elmhurst Av - \$390,000
37 Eucalyptus Path - \$680,000
6416 Flora St - \$250,000
3915 Fruitvale Av - \$339,000
3001 Galindo St - \$460,000
2886 Georgia St - \$300,000
4134 Gilbert St - \$601,000
2875 Glascock 106 - \$550,000
5150 Golden Gate - \$990,000
9412 Golf Links Rd - \$330,000
3400 Guido St - \$540,000
6932 Halliday Av - \$280,000
533 Henry St - \$100,000
5831 Heron Dr - \$630,000
3678 High St - \$520,000
1835 Irving Av - \$170,000
124 Isleton Av - \$235,000
10937 Julius B - \$250,000
3239 Kempton 5 - \$315,000
1425 Lakeside 103 - \$286,000
3689 Lily St - \$425,000
6400 Longcroft Dr - \$785,000
6729 Lucille St - \$235,000
2901 MacArthur 204 - \$205,000
2917 MacArthur 3D - \$243,000
4133 Maybelle Av - \$350,000
3486 Midvale Av - \$230,000
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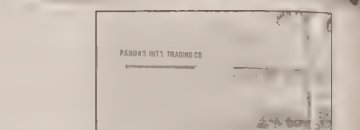
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1000 PLYMOUTH PLACE \$1,098,000 Montclair. Fabulous brand new contemporary Craftsman, 2BD/2BA, beautiful finishes, glorious bay view on serene hillside. Don't miss this one! Nicolette Bot 531-7000 x261	6201 THORNHILL DRIVE \$479,000 Montclair. Just listed. 2+BD, 2BA chalet in woody setting. Relax w/nature on expansive deck. Kitchen w/granite counter & new stainless steel appliances. Both bathrooms w/granite sink counters. Freshly painted in & out. Don Dunning 531-7000 x239	INCREDIBLE STATELY TRADITIONAL \$879,000 Crocker Highlands. Designed by architect, this grand 4BD/3.5BA home affords spacious public rooms, beautiful detail, & peaceful hill views. Close to shops & transportation. Joy Bryden 531-7000 x218	FIVE UNITS \$825,000 North Berkeley. Just off Shattuck above University. Close to CAL, restaurant district, coffee, shops & book stores. Owner's unit ready for move-in. Great location & income producer. Frank Hennefer 531-7000 x235
1000 PLYMOUTH PLACE \$665,000 Berkeley. Last chance on this breathtaking Victorian home of original & new features. 2BD/2BA up w/a cozy wrap-around porch. 2BD/1BA (rent control exempt) down w/a private kitchen opening up to a serene cactus garden. Three car garage. Close to BART, shopping & U.C. Peter Karbassi 531-7000 x290	668 42ND STREET \$420,000 North Oakland. Priced to sell! Charming in & out. Two story bungalow move in condition. Spacious 3BD/2BA, liv. rm. with frplc., extended living area potential! Pest report \$850! Hardwood floors, French windows & awesome rear yard. Frank Hennefer 531-7000 x235	POSITIVELY 4TH STREET \$375,000 Berkeley. Stylish 2BD/1BA Condo 1/2 block from shops, cafes, and Berkeley's 4th St. ambience. High ceilings, tall windows, fireplace, new carpet, Pergo, wash/dryer in unit. Stan Hammond 531-7000 x246	ATTENTION LIVE-WORK BUYERS \$795,000 Oakland. Two commercial storefronts with four 1BD units above. Parking behind building. Lots of upgrades...electrical, plumbing, roof. Good income producer. Frank Hennefer 531-7000 x235
1000 PLYMOUTH PLACE \$649,000 Black London Square. Spectacular loft space in a new, stylishly updated throughout. 1850 sq. ft. of space. More info at loft@butterhomesales.com . Peter Karbassi 531-7000 x232	240 CALDECOTT LANE #111 \$384,500 Parkwoods. Immaculate, upgraded, 2BD/2BA unit w/recessed lighting, crown molding, Berber carpets, customized fireplace. Corner unit, Piedmont model, quiet, private. Lots of light, faces peaceful hillside. Freshly painted w/warm designer colors. Gated complex w/pool, sauna, fitness center, clubhouse, park-like grounds. Don Dunning 531-7000 x239	CHARMING FOUR PLEX \$575,000 Oakland. Close to freeways. Live in one and rent the others. Nice decks and back yard. Don't miss this excellent value. Beth DeAtley 531-7006 x234	CHARMING FOUR PLEX \$575,000 Oakland. Close to freeways. Live in one and rent the others. Nice decks and back yard. Don't miss this excellent value. Beth DeAtley 531-7006 x234
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PARKWOODS \$387,500
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MONTCLAIR \$715,000
6601 HEATHER RIDGE WAY (2-4:30)
Spacious 4BR/3BA Traditional in tranquil setting. Bright family room looks out to wooded views with a large level yard below. Carla Buflington x1367

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SAN LEANDRO \$542,000
950 ESTUDILLO AVE. (Open 1-4)
2+BR/1.5BA charming, split level. Great spaces for entertaining, detached office, updated eat-in kit. Michelle Miller x1335

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OAKLAND \$379,000
323 MONTE VISTA #210 (Open 2-4:30)
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Piedmont \$1,599,000
1000 ALPINE RD. (Open 2-4:30)
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MONTCLAIR \$995,000
1000 PINEWOOD RD. (Open 2-4:30)
7 year old home, 4BR/3.5 w/ access from kitchen/family room to the patio, private level yard & garden. Teri Carlisle x1305

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MONTCLAIR \$899,000
1000 PINEWOOD BLVD. (Open 2-4:30)
Stunning sophisticated master suite, kit, formal LR & DR, Sandi Cohen x1314 & Dick Cohen x1308

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UPPER ROCKRIDGE \$699,000
5668 BUENA VISTA AVE. (Open 2-4:30)
Price Reduced 100K! Best value for '94 Upper Rockridge home. Level-in 3+BR/2+BA, contemporary in great area. Library w/GG view, Italian tile floors. Dee Knowland x1318

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GLENVIEW \$479,000
1355 EXCELSIOR AVE. (Open 2-4:30)
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PIEDMONT \$3,750,000
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MONTCLAIR \$889,000
Reduced! Stunning newer home w/impeccable interior finishes & enchanting outdoor spaces. 3+BR/2.5BA. 2 family rooms. Nancy Moore x1302



LINCOLN HEIGHTS \$558,000
Stylish 6 year old traditional near Montclair Village, hills vws, 4BR/3BA, 2400+/- sq. ft. Donna Costella x1355 & Teri Carlisle x1305



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MONTCLAIR
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Piedmont \$4,750,000
Magnificent English with incredible detail on 2/3 acre level land. Grand formal rooms, 6+BR, pool. Georgia Cornell x1325

Sales

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By the numbers

ALAMEDA

TOTAL SALES: 26
 LOWEST PRICE: \$285,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$950,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$453,327

ALBANY

TOTAL SALES: 4
 LOWEST PRICE: \$287,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$826,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$528,250

BERKELEY

TOTAL SALES: 22
 LOWEST PRICE: \$375,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,316,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$627,568

EL CERRITO

TOTAL SALES: 9
 LOWEST PRICE: \$365,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$582,000
 MEDIAN PRICE: \$485,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$474,389

EL SOBRANTE

TOTAL SALES: 3
 LOWEST PRICE: \$350,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$415,000

MEDIAN PRICE: \$360,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$375,000

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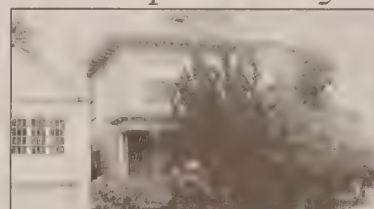
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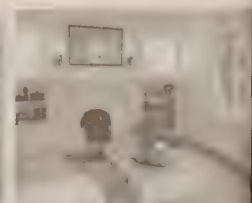
RICHMOND ANNEX **\$369,000**
 2/1 - Sparkling split-level. Country kitchen opens to sunny deck. New kitchen and bath. Hardwood floors throughout. Loads of space in basement. Close to transportation & shops.
 6120 Huntington Avenue Open 2-4



RICHMOND **\$397,000**
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 2609 Beach Head Court Open 2-4



EL CERRITO **\$549,000**
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 1155 King Court Open 2-4



ALBANY **\$550,000**
 2/1 - Grace and style. Lovingly updated kitchen, granite counter, new bath, gleaming hardwood floors.
 at www.bobbilumberg.com
 1314 Marin Avenue Open 2-4



BERKELEY - NEW LISTING! **\$549,000**
 Fourplex - Very good condition. Low pest. 2 one-bedroom units & 2 non-conforming studios. 3 units have been remodeled. Nice lot, great neighborhood.
 2336 Curtis Street Open 2-4



ALBANY - NEW LISTING! **\$399,000**
 2/1 - Great opportunity! 1/2 block from Solano Avenue. Separate 2 room office or bonus studio. Hardwood floors. A fixer-upper with great potential.
 805 Curtis Street Open 2-4



BERKELEY **\$529,000**
 2/1 - Enchanting Victorian near Gourmet Ghetto, BART, UC Berkeley. Huge walk-in attic, high ceilings, garden, 2-car garage. www.tzmitada.com
 1734 Martin Luther King Jr. Way Open 2-4



BERKELEY **\$570,000**
 2+1/2 - Enchanting petite Greco-Roman looking a Mediterranean garden. Secluded close to Solano Avenue. Upslope with fantastic views.
 1139 The Alameda Open 2-4



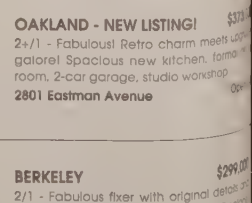
BERKELEY - NEW LISTING! **\$685,000**
 3/1 - Wonderful, spacious home with view. Large sunny living room, formal dining room, fabulous large fenced garden, 2-car garage & more!
 419 Boynton Avenue Open 2-4:30



OAKLAND - NEW LISTING! **\$549,000**
 2/1 - Sunny level-in home with great fenced yard, deck hardwood floors, fireplace, garage/studio. Moments to BART. Nice!
 5938 Patton Street Open 2-4:30



OAKLAND **\$289,000**
 LOFT - 840 square foot corner loft with mezzanine, skylights, remodeled kitchen and bath. Photos & more at www.saragrabedian.com.
 730 29th Street #7 Open 2-4



OAKLAND - NEW LISTING! **\$370,000**
 2+1 - Fabulous! Retro charm meets up-to-date! Spacious new kitchen, formal living room, 2-car garage, studio workshop.
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Just when is the right time to refinance?

NEWS FEATURES

Robert: We have a so-called "jumbo" mortgage of about \$425,000 with a 6.75 percent interest. The loan agent was a "no cost refinance" agent who phoned to tell us that we could refinance at a 6.25 percent interest. I was being self-employed, I had a lot of hassle I encountered when we refinanced. I had a lot of tax returns and even a statement of my earnings was a total guess. The night time to refinance was a total guess.

Robert: A "jumbo" mortgage means your loan exceeds \$425,000. Freddie Mac's secondary mortgage purchase limit to get the best rates.

There are no longer any rules when it is the right time to refinance. According to my calculator, you would save about \$1,680 per month, or \$1,680 per year.

For the 30-year life of your mortgage, the savings could be \$1,680 per month. However, if you refinance in a few years, there is much difference. You expect to remain in your home for five years, in about five-year adjustable mortgages. Jumbo ARMs are available with around 5 percent interest. That would be a savings compared to your current interest rate.

Joint tenancy: a poor idea?

Bob: About a week be-

fore my father died of cancer, he contacted his lawyer about avoiding probate for his small estate. His only significant asset was his house, worth around \$300,000. I was at the hospital when the lawyer explained the benefits of a living trust to avoid probate. But then the lawyer said that because of the few assets it would be much easier to just add my name to the title for the house as a joint tenant with right of survivorship.

As I am my father's only living child (I am 56), this sounded good to me. The next day, the lawyer brought a notary public to the hospital and my father signed a joint tenancy deed, which was recorded a day or two before my dad died. After my father passed on, his lawyer had me sign an affidavit of survivorship, which was recorded to show I now hold title alone to the house. If I sold the house now would I owe any capital gains tax? My late father bought the house many years ago after my mother died for about \$20,000 — Jeff G.

Dear Jeff: Your situation is frequently encountered. For convenience to avoid probate costs and delays, many parents add their adult children to their residence titles as joint tenants with right of survivorship.

Your circumstances show no intent to make an immediate pre-death gift, but rather it was a simple way to avoid probate costs and delays for you after your father died. Joint tenancy is sometimes called a poor man's will. But that's not really accurate because a will has no effect on real estate held in joint tenancy.

Assuming your father left a total estate less than \$1 million, no federal estate or gift tax was

due. Your cost basis for the house is the \$300,000 market value on the day your father died, when you received sole ownership control as surviving joint tenant. For full details, please consult your personal tax advisor.

Perfect credit not required to obtain a reverse mortgage

Dear Bob: My late husband and I bought our home in 1989. He died several years ago. I still owe about \$17,000 on the mortgage. But I goofed up my credit and have been trying to straighten out my credit cards and other stupid debts. My home equity is about \$200,000, I am 74 and in very good health for my age, and I want to live in my home as long as possible. Is there any way I can qualify for one of those reverse mortgages you often write about?

— Barbara K.

Dear Barbara: Yes. Perfect credit is not required to obtain a senior citizen reverse mortgage. The fact that you have a small mortgage is also irrelevant, although it must be paid off from the reverse mortgage proceeds because reverse mortgages are first mortgages.

It sounds to me like you are house rich, but cash poor. You are a perfect reverse mortgage candidate. The reverse mortgage lender pays you, rather than the traditional situation in which mortgage borrowers repay their lenders.

You could select from a reverse mortgage lump sum (such as to pay off your existing mortgage), a credit line (except in Texas), lifetime income (except in Texas), or a combination of those options.

There are no longer any rules as to when it is the right time to refinance. Over the 30-year life of your mortgage, the savings could be substantial if you continued to own your home. However, if you plan to move in a few years, there won't be much difference.

More details are in my special report "Senior Citizen Homeowner Reverse Mortgage Tax-Free Income Pros and Cons" available for \$4 from Robert Bruss, 251 Park Road, Burlingame, CA 94010 or by credit card at 800-736-1736 or www.bobbruss.com.

Big difference between prescriptive easement and squatter's rights adverse possession

Dear Bob: A few years ago, a nasty neighbor tried to claim squatter's rights to my separate lot behind my home. Because I wasn't using the land, I let him plant a little garden. Every year I noticed the garden kept getting bigger. Being a "good guy," I didn't say anything. But then he expanded his garden too much so I told him to stop using my property. He hired a lawyer who sued me for "squatter's rights" to the entire lot.

The very sensible judge said that for the neighbor to gain title to my lot, he had to occupy it without my permission. She said his use was "permissive" because I had observed him using my lot, so he couldn't obtain either a prescriptive easement or squatter's rights adverse possession. I just thought you and your vast readership should watch out for their property rights — Jess H.

Dear Jess: Thank you for

sharing your insightful experience. It alerts us to watch out for adverse possessors and encroachments.

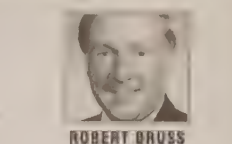
A prescriptive easement encroachment can occur when a neighbor uses part of your property without your permission for the number of years required in your state. But squatter's rights or adverse possession develops when someone occupies your entire property without your permission for the required number of years.

The fact that you were aware of your neighbor's partial use of your lot means that is considered permissive use. To obtain a prescriptive easement or title by adverse possession, the use must be "open, notorious and hostile." To obtain title to the entire parcel, the adverse possessor must pay the property taxes for the required number of years.

Don't expect home inspector to find everything

Dear Bob: Last August we bought our first home. The seller was the sweetest white-haired little old lady you could hope to meet. But she was a total liar. Her son had apparently fixed up the house to conceal defects that we have now discovered.

For example, the roof leaks into



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the attic where the insulation absorbs the dripping water. Only after a very heavy rain did we discover the roof leaks in many places. We are very disappointed our so-called professional home inspector didn't discover this defect. His answer is it was dry when he inspected the attic. Even I could see the evidence of water stains on the rafters. Do we have any recourse against our inspector to help us pay the \$7,850 cost of a new roof? — Hector G.

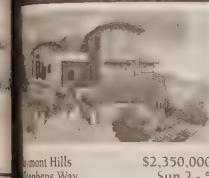
Dear Hector: If you bought your home during a dry spell, perhaps there wasn't any evidence of the roof leaks. If the water hadn't yet dripped through the ceiling, you couldn't expect that sweet little old lady to have discovered the roof leaked. Of course, if a freshly-painted ceiling concealed evidence of water leaks, that's different.

Without solid proof the seller must have known of the leaky roof, you'll have a tough time convincing a judge. As for holding the professional home inspector liable, you'll need evidence of the water leaks and his negligence in not spotting them. My recommendation: forget it.

The new Robert Bruss special report "2003 Realty Tax Tips: Eight Chapters of Tax Savings for Homeowners and Realty Investors" is available for \$4 from Robert Bruss, 251 Park Road, Burlingame, CA 94010 or by credit card at 800-736-1736 or www.bobbruss.com.

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113 Grand View Dr.
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OPEN HOMES

Montclair \$690,000
Sun 2 - 5

8040 Broadway Ter
2+BR 2+BA Bay & Mt. Tam views from
every room. Spacious 10 year home, MB
on main level, patio & spa!
Elena Stone 510.339.4700

Laurel \$599,000
Sun 2-4:30

3131 Wisconsin St.
4 BR 1.5 BA Spacious light-filled home.
Bay views & large level yard! Library,
office & bonus room. Well kept on great
street. Very special!
Rachel Ballet 510.339.4700

Montclair \$589,000
Sun 2 - 4:30

1508 Mountain Blvd
2+BR 1BA Country traditional wooded
setting. Formal DR, large LR, radom
plank flrs, beamed ceilings
Norman Robinson 510.339.4700

Marina Bay/Richmond \$389,000
Sun 1:30 - 4:30

1201 Melville Square #208
3 BR 2 BA Condo in beautiful Marina
Bay. Panoramic views! Near S.F. BART,
freeway & Bay Trails.
Catherine Varnau 510.486.1495

Lakeshore \$369,000
Sun 1-4:30

2250 Lakeshore #5
2 BR 2 BA Spacious lakeview condo near
abundant Grand and Lakeshore Avenue
neighborhood activities, shopping and
transportation options.
Jeffrey Neideman 510.339.4700

Oakland \$343,500
Sun 2 - 4:30

8360 Golf Links
3 BR 1.5 BA 2-story home has family
room off large kitchen. Fam rm has 2
alcoves for pantry & hobbies.
Joan Alford 510.339.4700

Marina Bay/Richmond \$579,900
Sun 1 - 4

74 Seabreeze Drive
3+BR 2.5 BA Gated community w/pool.
Cathedral ceilings, flrps., new paint. On
Bay, near BART & shops.
Gregg Lustig 510.486.1495

Oakland Hills \$569,000
Sun 1 - 4:30

4080 Harding
3+BR 2.5 BA Fabulous home, extensively
updated master suite, separate building
for office/guests.
Victor Ratto 510.339.4700

San Leandro \$495,000
Sun 2 - 5

1320 Lake Chabot Rd.
113 BA Charming Bungalow. Open
flr plan, spacious rms w/FP & HWF.
Custom kitchen, granite counter
Claudia Bowman 510.339.4700

Montclair \$1,580,000
Sun 2-5

6260 Fairlane Dr.
5 BR 3 BA Stunning SF & Bay Bridge
views! HWF thru-out, gourmet kitchen,
sleek granite, Elm cabinets, A/C, elegant
Master suite
510.339.4700

Montclair \$749,000
Sun 2-5

113 3+BR 2BA mid-century home
w/SF & Bay views; eat-in kitchen opens
to a wonderful back yard, FDR, plus
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Oakland \$445,000
Sun 1 - 5

6314 Majestic Avenue
2 BR 1 BA Tudor w/gourmet eat-in
kitchen, LR w/light views of Bay, great
backyard, art studio.
Terry Anthony 510.339.4700

Oakland (China Hill) \$399,000
Sun 2 - 4

2222 9th Ave.
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Gardens! Superb property w/manly
options! Great space for artists,
extended families or income. Front
house is charming 2+BR/2BA bungalow
with huge basement and garages. Rear
house is a turn of the century rose
covered cottage awaiting TLC! Great
opportunity. Xtra large lot. See photos
at: www.nanscape.com
Nancy Reichert 510.981.3018

Laurel \$389,000
Sun 1:30 - 4:30

3624 Wisconsin St.
2 BR 1 BA Cute little red Farmhouse!
Built in 1912; style & charm! Updated
bath.
Donna Camov 510.339.4700

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OPEN HOMES

Oakland \$279,500
Sun 2 - 4:30

10 Moss Ave., #14
2 BR 2 BA Condo; fresh paint, nu
carpet/window coverings. Upgraded
baths & kitchen. Near Rose Garden
Reva Tolbert 510.339.4700

BY APPOINTMENT

Piedmont \$5,850,000

8 BR 5 full BA + 2 half Sunny &
expansive. Large formal rooms, library,
rumpus room & indoor pool/spa
Picturesque landscaping designed by
Thomas Church.
George Karsant 510.339.4700

Spectacular View \$1,800,000

3 BR 3.5 BA Elegant home with
unobstructed 3 bridge view. Marble
Jacuzzi in master bath. Incredible quality
finishes throughout!
Barbara Marienthal 510.486.1495

Crocker Highlands \$1,190,000

3+ BR 2 BA Stunning Tudor revival;
period detail-leaded glass, hewn beam
ceilings, French doors, 4 FP; plus room
used as home theater.
Ellen Lancaster 510.339.4700

Pt. Richmond \$1,150,000

5+BR/2.5BA Gorgeous contemporary,
seconds from beach. Open & light,
sweeping views dramatic lvg rm w/wall
of windows, extensive upgrades.
Gene Della Maggiora 510.486.1495

Kensington \$750,000

3 BR 2 BA Level-in contemporary
w/panoramic 3 bridge views, FDR,
sunny kitchen + nook overlooking
garden, wonderful private yard, huge lot.
Kim Marienthal 510.486.1495

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Sales

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EMERYVILLE

TOTAL SALES: 5
LOWEST PRICE: \$179,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$443,500

KINGSTON

TOTAL SALES: 2
LOWEST PRICE: \$702,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$855,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$778,500

OAKLAND

TOTAL SALES: 123
LOWEST PRICE: \$100,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,204,500
MEDIAN PRICE: \$330,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$384,215

RICHMOND

TOTAL SALES: 40
LOWEST PRICE: \$210,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,065,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$387,213

SAN LEANDRO

TOTAL SALES: 34
LOWEST PRICE: \$260,000

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HIGHEST PRICE: \$725,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$405,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$424,103

SAN LEANDRO

TOTAL SALES: 13
LOWEST PRICE: \$295,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$449,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$385,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$386,538

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Albany
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Hayward
\$343,000 2196 Oak Creek. 3br/2ba, 1.5ba. formal dining room, Den/office on Main floor. 814-4810.

Oakland
\$369,000 5427 Brookdale Ave. OPEN SUN 2-4 Split level 2bd bungalow/formal dining, finished basement. Lots of upgrades. Maryann 510-814-4873.

\$415,000 5407 Hillen Dr. Cule 1-level 2bd, 1ba bungalow with updated kitchen & formal dining room. Fireplace in living room. Maryann 510-814-4873.

San Leandro
\$295,000 2511 Gallego. 3br/2ba, 1.5ba. formal dining room, Den/office on Main floor. 814-4810.

Montclair
\$749,000 152 Glenwood. Wonderful 2-story home in excellent condition! 2bd, 1.5ba. formal dining room, French doors to garden area w/French doors to deck. Detached garage with office above. Cream w/ hot tub. Karin 510-814-4873.

San Leandro
\$399,000 2865 Morcom Ave., Maxwell Park Home, 1-level, 3+bd, 1.5ba, family room, formal dining room, eat-in kitchen. Tere 510-814-4840.

\$449,500 2331 23rd Ave. 2bd, 2ba, 2 BD, 1 BA, 1.5ba. formal dining room, French doors to garden area w/French doors to deck. Detached garage with office above. Cream w/ hot tub. Karin 510-814-4873.

Castro Valley
\$435,000 1515 Grove Way. Bright & beautiful single level 3br/2ba home w/ 2 bath home w/ 2nd floor access. 2-car garage & 2nd floor access to 880 & 580 Tere 510-814-4840.

Hayward
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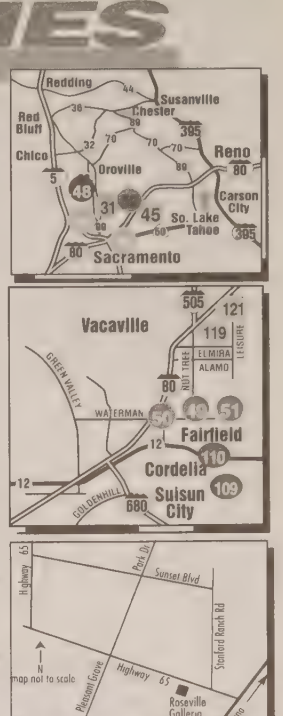
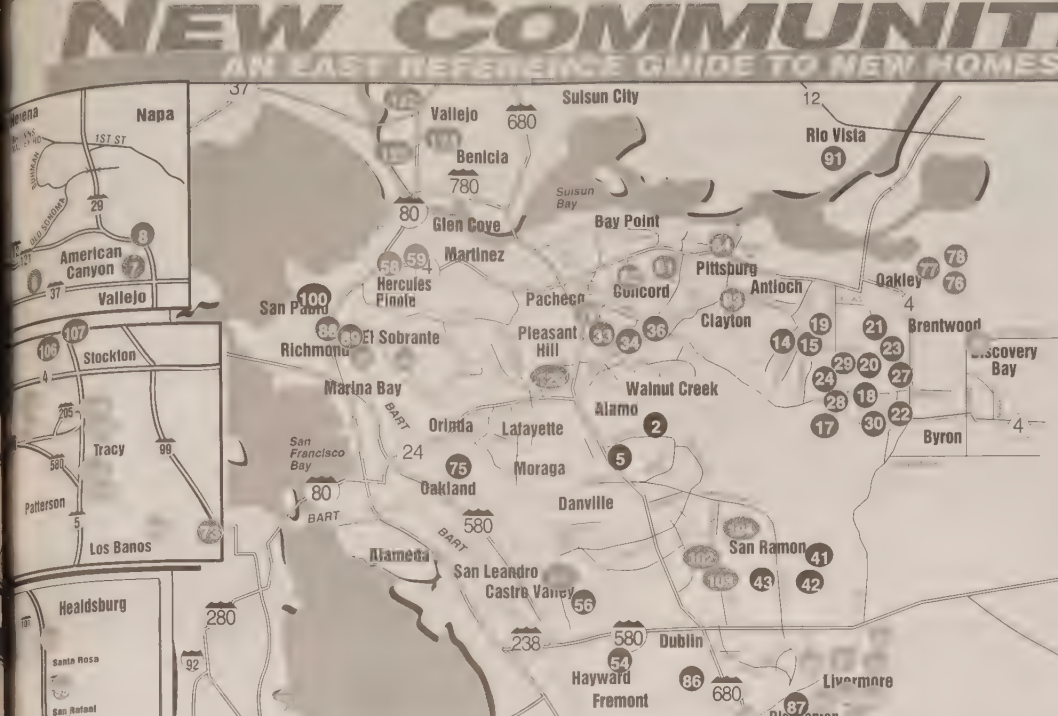
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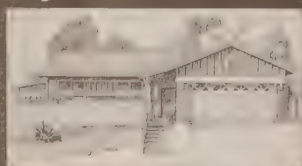
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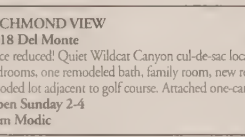


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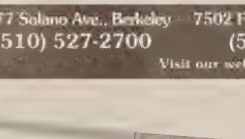
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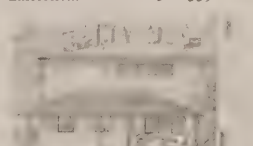
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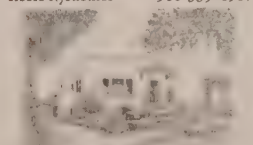
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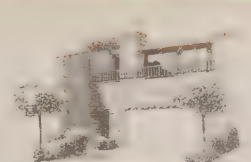
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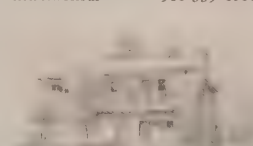
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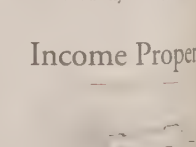
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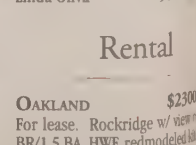
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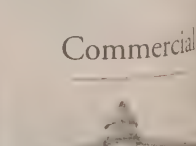


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Section C

Berkeley making a run at another title

By Phil Jensen
STAFF WRITER

Berkeley High School boys' country team will be trying to win a second straight championship title — but the league has been more than last year.

The Yellow Jackets are one of the top teams in the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League schools competing for the title. The Bay Shore Athletic League in cross country this year has a more competitive field than last year's.

Berkeley's boys team was undefeated in league dual meets this year.

"In the new league, I didn't know what to expect," coach

Dave Goodrich said. "We had a lot of seniors who had been running for four years, so I knew we would be competitive."

In fact, the top seven runners on Berkeley's boys varsity team are seniors. The senior-dominated Yellow Jackets will compete in the BSAL boys varsity championship race at 11 a.m. Saturday at Crab Cove in Alameda. The girls varsity race will begin at 10:30 a.m.

Berkeley's Alex Enscoe, the ACCAL champ the last two years, is the favorite to win the boys title. He is undefeated in league competition.

But the Yellow Jackets have a solid next two runners in Garret Andre-Johnson and Bradley

Johnson. Andre-Johnson has only been running competitively for two years, Goodrich said.

"I knew he could run fast, but he's been just improving every time. He's pretty talented," Goodrich said.

Enscoe will face competition for the individual title from Albany's Sean Carey, the defending BSAL champion. On Oct. 23, Enscoe finished ahead of Carey by eight seconds in a three-mile race at Tilden Park in Berkeley. On Oct. 2, Enscoe also had a close race against Piedmont. He finished five seconds ahead of Andre-Johnson and 11 seconds ahead of Piedmont's Ricky Griffith in a 2.9 mile

race at Point Pinole in Richmond.

In the girls varsity race, St. Mary's Gabriela Rios-Sotelo is the favorite to defend her BSAL title. She has been undefeated in league meets for the past two years, according to St. Mary's coach Denis Mohun.

"She's been able to become a very relaxed front-runner," Mohun said. "She's definitely become a huge leader."

Piedmont is a strong favorite to defend its girls team title, but Alameda and St. Mary's could challenge for the title. Piedmont and Alameda also have boys teams that could push Berkeley in the race for the title.



BERKELEY'S Alex Enscoe will seek his third consecutive league title at Saturday's BSAL meet. His past two titles came in the ACCAL.

AL NOTEBOOK

Joseph 1 seed volleyball

By Phil Jensen
STAFF WRITER

ST. JOSEPH HIGH SCHOOL girls volleyball team secured the No. 1 seed in the Bay Shore Athletic League tournament after Tuesday's 25-15, 25-19 league victory over Piedmont.

The Pilots (12-1 BSAL) entered their final match of the season tied with Alameda, which had a bye, atop the standings. But because the Cougars in their regular season meet- tiebreaker and the No. 1 goes to St. Joseph.

Senior Sudarsana spearheaded the Pilots' attack with two aces and 16 digs. Her superior performance throughout the season drew praise from Pilots' coach Marcus Young.

She is one of the top players in the BSAL. She hasn't had a match all year," he said.

She is up all her opponents." Her sister, Kerri, also played a major role in beating the Cougars, adding 11 kills and seven blocks.

COUPS: The BSAL felt the tilt Oct. 30 when the Cougars pulled off a 25-19, 25-20, 25-15, 16-14 victory over St. Mary's.

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AL NOTEBOOK

CS golf an opener' Hercules

By Phil Jensen
STAFF WRITER

WAS A LEARNING EXPERIENCE for the Hercules High School girls golf team in the North Coast Section Championships on Monday.

Alameda, who won the regular-season and championship titles this season, finished 18th at the NCS championship with a score of 599 in the 18-hole event at Las Colinas Golf Course in Livermore.

"I don't see a lot of girls doing as well as we did," Hercules co-coach Jeff Pegg said. "The girls were kind of stunned. I got an eye-opener."

Pegg said his team is looking forward to the learning experience of playing the tournament.

"It was the first time this year that Hercules had a 13-hole competition," Pegg said. "We paced them around of 113, Hercules was one of three ACAL schools who competed in the tournament as a team. Kim Conoco, the champion from Encinitas, added a 129."

Pegg said that winter rules are in the wet conditions and if a player's ball was on the road or standing on the ball could be moved.

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PREP FOOTBALL



ALBANY'S Drew Southern tries to break free from Piedmont tackler Daniel Cohen during the Highlanders' 42-14 victory Friday.

St. Mary's deals Swett first loss

■ Panthers convert three fumbles into touchdowns in BSAL upset; Berkeley withstands a challenge from De Anza

By Joe Stiglich
STAFF WRITER

For a football team that's struggled at times with turnovers this season, St. Mary's High School sure knew what to do when the loose balls started bouncing its way Saturday.

The Panthers converted three John Swett fumbles into 21 unanswered points in the second half and shocked the visiting Indians 21-7 in Bay Shore Athletic League action, handing John Swett its first defeat.

"We've been losing turnovers all year," St. Mary's running back Jason Haller said. "That was huge to get one back."

St. Mary's (4-4, 2-1 BSAL) trailed 7-0 in the third quarter and had shown little signs of life offensively when Tyler Reid recovered a fumbled snap on the Indians 4-3 yard line.

That break lit a fire under the Panthers. It took just four plays before Haller scored from a yard

out to tie the game.

Swett (7-1, 2-1) tried a half-back pass on its next offensive play, but Marshaun Dyer was drilled by Jon Taranto and coughed up the ball, with Josh Tatum recovering for St. Mary's at Swett's 33.

This time, Haller scored on an 8-yard run for a 14-7 Panthers lead with 52 seconds left in the third.

No one in a John Swett uniform was immune to the turnover bug. Standout running back Nate Boatwright never seemed to get a handle on a handoff on the next drive, and St. Mary's Gavin Yates pounced on the loose ball.

David Pezzola found Will Reid open on a seam pattern for a 17-yard touchdown and a 21-7 lead to end the flurry by 9:48 left.

"We've got some young kids," Indians coach John Angell said. "We made a lot of mistakes today and it came back and got us."

The forced turnovers highlighted a tremendous defensive effort by St. Mary's. Boatwright, who entered the game as the region's leading rusher and was averaging 179.6 yards per game, was held to 88 yards on 20 carries.

"We practiced against that offense all week," said Haller, who also plays safety. "We had to stuff their linemen and get to Boatwright before he got in the open field."

After gaining just 63 yards in the first half, St. Mary's went to an unbalanced offensive line and overpowered the Indians' defensive front in the second half, running behind linemen Taranto and Ed Cheveres.

Haller began ripping off huge chunks of yards and finished with a career-high 106 yards.

Fred Hives normally is St. Mary's featured back, but the senior showed up late and missed his team's first two offensive series while taking the SAT exam. He still finished with 78 yards.

"Me and Fred work together pretty good," Haller said. "He usually gets the 100-yard games, though."

Berkeley 21, De Anza 10: The Yellow Jackets were facing a crossroads in the third quarter Friday against De Anza.

A fired-up Dons squad had just taken a 10-7 lead when John Smith blocked a Berkeley punt out of the end zone for a safety. On their ensuing drive, the Dons advanced to the Berkeley 18.

But in 31 seconds, the momentum swung from good.

Berkeley linebacker Alphonso Thomas recovered a fumble, and two plays later, Yellow Jackets quarterback Jeff Spellman connected with Reberto McBean for a 70-yard touchdown pass with 4:13 left in the third period. Berkeley outgained De Anza 164-45 the rest of the way for the ACCAL victory.

"We were waiting for something to happen all game. Berto, with his speed, was able to break free and he did the rest," Spellman said.

Spellman went 9-for-13 for 161 yards in the second half. The senior finished the game 15-for-24 for 231 yards, one touchdown and no interceptions for Berkeley (6-1, 5-0 ACCAL).

Yellow Jackets leading rusher Antonio Cokes went out with a chipped tooth and did not carry the ball in the second half. Cokes, who suffered his injury while playing defense, rushed for a game-high 59 yards on nine carries. Teammate Theodore Johnson added 56 yards on eight carries, including a 24-yard touchdown run in the fourth

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PREP TENNIS

Berkeley duo enjoys instant success

By Phil Jensen
TIMES STAFF WRITER

Berkeley High School's Clara Mattei and Ari Anisimov were queens of the tiebreaker Wednesday at the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League girls tennis championships.

The sophomores used two tiebreaker wins to defeat Alameda's Amanda Hanley and Sarah Yuen 7-6 (4), 7-6 (6) in the league's doubles final at Alameda High School.

Mattei and Anisimov won in their first competition as a doubles team.

"We're just really good friends, so I think that makes a lot of difference," Mattei said. "We can understand each other in the game, as well."

Alameda freshman Jennifer Lau beat two-time defending champion Megan Sweeney of Berkeley 7-5, 6-3 in the singles final.

With the victories, Lau and the Berkeley doubles team automatically advance to the North Coast Section Singles & Doubles Championship on Nov. 18-19 at Pleasanton Tennis Complex.

In the first set of the doubles final, Mattei and Anisimov took a 5-4 lead, but Hanley and Yuen battled back to take a 6-5 lead. The Berkeley duo forced a tiebreaker, though, and an Anisimov forehand winner gave her team the first set.

In the second tiebreaker, a Yuen backhand winner tied the score at 6-6. But Mattei and Anisimov followed with volley winners to capture the championship.

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ON DECK

JC men's basketball

■ Sacramento City at Contra Costa, 7 p.m. Saturday — The Cougars open the season early against the Panthers.

Prep cross country

■ Bay Shore Athletic League championships, 10:30 a.m. varsity girls, 11 a.m. varsity boys at Crab Cove in Alameda — Berkeley's boys team tries for its second straight league championship title, but in the BSAL this time.

Girls volleyball

■ BSAL playoffs, Tuesday TBA — The march to possible North Coast Section competition begins.

■ Encinal at Berkeley, 5 p.m. Thursday — The Yellow Jackets would like to avenge their only league loss of the season.

Stars of the week

■ Jason Haller, St. Mary's football — Haller rushed for a career-high 106 yards and scored two second-half touchdowns as the Panthers upset John Swett 21-7.

■ Jeff Spellman, Berkeley football — Spellman completed 15 of his 24 passes for 231 yards, one touchdown and no interceptions in the Yellow Jackets' 21-10 win over De Anza.

■ Ryan Shaifer, El Cerrito football — Shaifer rushed for a game-high 77 yards on nine carries and scored a touchdown in the Gauchos' 43-20 victory over Richmond.

■ Brittney Murrey, St. Mary's girls volleyball — Murrey had 12 kills, five blocks, 17 digs and 18 assists in the Panthers' 25-19, 22-25, 26-28, 25-15, 16-14 loss to Holy Names.

■ Emma Spearman, Albany girls volleyball — Spearman had 14 kills and five aces in the Cougars' 25-6, 25-12, 25-8 win over John Swett, then she had 12 kills and three aces in Albany's 25-6, 25-12, 25-15 victory over St. Patrick.

TODAY'S FOOTBALL GAMES

BSAL Albany at St. Patrick

■ WHERE: St. Patrick High School, 1500 Benicia Road, Vallejo

■ WHEN: 7:30 p.m.

■ RECORDS: Albany 1-7, 1-2 BSAL; St. Patrick 5-3, 1-2 BSAL

■ LAST WEEK: Albany lost to Piedmont 42-14, St. Patrick beat Kennedy 26-15

■ FACTS: A 20-point second quarter was the downfall for the Cougars against Piedmont. Albany has allowed league opponents 109 points this season. The Bruins gained 258 yards on the ground against Kennedy, including 93 yards each by Edward Blakeley and Brett Muratori.

St. Mary's at Kennedy

■ WHERE: Kennedy High School, 4300 Cutting Blvd., Richmond

■ WHEN: 3 p.m.

■ LAST WEEK: St. Mary's beat John Swett 21-7, Kennedy lost to St. Patrick 26-15

■ RECORDS: St. Mary's 4-4, 2-1 BSAL; Kennedy 0-7, 0-3

■ FACTS: The Panthers converted six fumbles into four turnovers in their upset win over the Indians last week. The Panthers defense managed to hold Nate Boatwright, who entered the game as the region's leading rusher, to 88 yards. Scoring 27 points in their last three games, the Eagles continue to struggle.

ACCAL Alameda at Berkeley

■ WHERE: Berkeley High School, 2246 Milvia St., Berkeley

■ WHEN: 7 p.m.

■ RECORDS: Alameda 7-1, 5-0 ACCAL; Berkeley 6-1, 5-0 ACCAL

■ LAST WEEK: Alameda beat Hercules 34-6, Berkeley beat De Anza 21-10.

■ FACTS: This game could very well decide the ACCAL title. Both teams have not lost since their opening games of this season. Berkeley ranks first in ACCAL play in points scored (176) and points allowed (25). Alameda is second in both categories (169 points scored and 50 points allowed). Alameda has limited five opponents to fewer than 10 points in a

game this season, and Berkeley has kept four opponents to fewer than 10 points. Berkeley has two shutouts this season, and Alameda has one.

El Cerrito at Encinal

■ WHERE: Encinal High School, 210 Central Avenue, Alameda

■ WHEN: 7 p.m.

■ RECORDS: El Cerrito 5-2-1, 4-1, Encinal 5-2-1, 3-2

■ LAST WEEK: El Cerrito beat Richmond 43-20, Encinal lost to Pinole Valley 31-27.

■ FACTS: Encinal rallied from a 28-7 third-quarter deficit to give Pinole Valley a scare last week. El Cerrito briefly trailed winless Richmond in the first quarter before taking control.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL POLL

Rank	School	Record	Comment
1.	De La Salle	8-0	Spartans' ground attack goes for 322 yards vs. Deer Valley
2.	Foothill	7-1	Maybe "fumble-rooski" should be renamed "Sweeney-rooski"
3.	Pittsburg	7-0-1	Pirates dodge bullet vs. Clayton Valley and clinch BVAL title
4.	Miramonte	7-1	Mats have allowed 15 points or less in last seven games
5.	Skyline	5-2	Charles Roberson tosses four TDs in win over Fremont-Oakland
6T.	Hayward	7-1	Farmers claim at least share of HAAL title for first time since 1992
6T.	Monte Vista	6-2	Give the O-line some credit for Tom Haug's 278-yard effort
8.	Amador Valley	6-2	QB Danny Jones quietly putting together a stellar season
9.	Campolindo	7-1	Cougars rally from third-quarter deficit to beat Mt. Diablo
10.	Clayton Valley	6-2	Eagles defense was 47 seconds away from shutting out Pittsburg

Others receiving votes: Alameda (7-1), Oakland Tech (5-1). The poll incorporates all East Bay high schools.

Football

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quarter to cap the scoring.

Berkeley's offense moved down the field on the game's opening drive, ending a 67-yard march with a 4-yard run up the middle by 6-foot-1, 235-pound fullback Julian James. But neither team found the end zone again in the first half.

De Anza (2-6, 1-4) started the second half impressively. After Adesole Kehinde had a 27-yard kickoff return to the De Anza 40, the Dons moved down the field and scored on a 2-yard run up the middle by quarterback Gregg Parker. Kehinde's two-point conversion run gave De Anza an 8-7 lead.

Nearly two minutes later, Smith made his big block for a safety and a 10-7 advantage with 5:35 remaining in the third period.

The Dons' DeAndre Green returned the ensuing free kick 22 yards to the Berkeley 38, and a block-below-the-waist call on Berkeley advanced the ball 15 more yards. But Berkeley defensive end Edward Young hit Kehinde on the second play of the drive, and Thomas recovered the fumble.

After a 10-yard run by Johnson, Spellman lofted a perfectly-placed pass down the right sideline to McBean, who sprinted into the end zone for the eventual game-winning score.

El Cerrito 43, Richmond 20: The Gauchos relied on a punishing ground game and good field position to turn back the visiting Oilers last Friday.

El Cerrito (5-2-1, 4-1 Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League) set the tone on the first possession of the game as lineman Tyson Quink blocked a Richmond punt to give the Gauchos the ball on the Richmond 15-yard line. A few minutes later, running back Mario Cox walked into the end zone untouched from 1-yard out and the Gauchos never looked back.

Richmond (0-8, 0-3) did its best to keep up, though, as it produced a solid effort. With starting running back Alonzo Ellis sidelined due to injury, the Oilers took to the air as quarterback Robert Jackson passed for 219 yards and three touchdowns.

El Cerrito's coach George Austin expressed concern even in victory.

"Our starters were a little sloppy. We have a lot to work on for next week. I have to give it up to the Richmond guys, though; they never quit, they played their hearts out."

Piedmont 42, Albany 14: Running back Brandon Paris carried 24 times for 205 yards and scored two touchdowns as the Highlanders (6-0-1, 3-0 BSAL) thundered past visiting Albany 42-14 last Friday.

The Highlanders' passing game, relatively dormant the last couple of weeks, re-emerged as quarterback Corey Steady threw four touchdown passes.

But it was Paris, who had his second 200-plus yard game in three weeks, who set the tone. On Piedmont's first possession, he carried the ball on every play as the Highlanders went 73 yards in seven plays. Paris scored on a 27-yard run in which he changed

direction twice and broke two tackles.

Steady threw scoring passes of 6 and 16 yards to Charlie Nelson and one of 24 yards to Paris as Piedmont scored 20 points in the second quarter to take a 28-0 lead.

Albany (1-7, 1-2), which was limited to 2 yards of total offense in the first half, finally got rolling in the third quarter as Brad Phelps scored two touchdowns on 1-yard runs and the Cougars cut the Piedmont lead to 28-14 with 21.2 seconds left in the third quarter.

The game then turned on the next five plays. Albany tried a pooch kick that the Highlanders recovered on their 23. Paris then swept right end and went 49 yards to the Cougars' 28. Fullback Eric Shuster then went up the middle for 14 yards to the 14-yard line and then went 7 yards to the Albany 7 on the exact same play. Steady threw a 7-yard scoring pass to Nelson and Paris ran in the two-point conversion for a 36-14 lead with 10:47 left in the game.

That sequence seemed to take the starch out of the Cougars, who managed one more drive down to Piedmont 16 before losing the ball on downs with 7:01 left. Albany quarterback Drew Southern, who completed 6 of 20 passes for 136 yards, had a couple of 30-yard completions to Darrell Joyner in the fourth quarter. Phelps finished with 81 yards on 16 carries as the Cougars piled up 224 yards in the second half.

Staff writers Phil Jensen, Ben Enos and Scott Strain contributed to this roundup.

ACCAL

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one club length except if it was in a trap.

CLOSE CALL: The Encinal girls volleyball team remained undefeated in ACCAL play en-

tering this Thursday's matches, but it wasn't easy.

The Jets edged crosstown rival Alameda 29-27, 20-25, 8-25, 25-18, 15-3. It was the first time Encinal has been taken to five games in an ACCAL match this season. Results of Thursday's matches were unavailable at press time.

A MATCH TO WATCH: Encinal at Berkeley on Nov. 13. The Jets ended Berkeley's 41-game ACCAL undefeated streak with a 13-25, 25-19, 25-18, 25-18 victory on Oct. 2. Berkeley's game behind Encinal at the time.

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The shock doesn't start there, however. Although not many saw the Monarchs taking the five-game battle, it was the way they won that has people scratching their heads.

With the match even at two games apiece, the Panthers squeezed ahead 14-13 in the fifth game. That set up Kimmie Brouard, who appeared to have nailed the winning kill when the linesman called it in. But after a brief conference between the linesman and the referee, the call was reversed and play resumed.

The Monarchs took full advantage of their new life reeling off the next two points to lead 15-14.

Things took one last odd turn thanks to a gaffe by Panthers coach Justin Caraway,

who called a time-out he did not have. The mistake cost the Panthers a point to end the match.

"I'm shocked at the way we won," Monarchs coach Patricia Amador said. "St. Mary's is a good team and I have a lot of respect for Justin and St. Mary's. They beat us in five games the last time we met, but this time things went our way."

OUTPLAYED AT NCS: The Piedmont girls golf team was overmatched at Monday's North Coast Section tournament at Las Positas Golf Course in Livermore.

The Highlanders finished with a score of 483 (Acalanes won at 430). Individually April Lam led the team on the par 72 course shooting a 91. Lauren Glass and Geolani Dy each shot a 93, Christine Hironaka shot a 94 and Sarah Wong and Joanna You shot a respective 112 and 114.

"We were just over-matched," Highlanders coach Tommy Scales said. "It was a bad day for them, but all they wanted them to do was to win their best."

Scales said rain the day before and during the morning made for some conditions. But he would make that any excuse for team's performance.

"There were some mistakes, but we all had to make more up to the task than it showed."

Despite the loss, Scales was very positive on the season. The Highlanders finished the season 11-0 overall in BSAL play, giving Scales his 17th consecutive winning season as a coach.

"This was a fantastic season," he said. "No coach asks for more than what he gave."



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Tennis

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In the singles final, Lau took a 5-2 lead in the first set. Sweeney battled back to tie the score at five, including a win in the marathon 18-point 10th game.

Lau broke Sweeney's serve in the 11th game and then held serve to take the set. Lau then bolted out to a 4-0 lead in the second set.

Berkeley and Alameda fin-

ished the regular season as ACCAL co-champions and will meet today to decide which team gets the league's automatic berth to the NCS Team Tennis Championships. The match begins at 10 a.m. at Harbor Bay Club in Alameda.

BSAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

St. Patrick junior Erin Young managed a "three-peat" when she won the singles championship at the Harbor Bay Club.

She ousted Emma Loyola of St. Joseph 6-0, 6-0 in a 30-minute semifinal, then beat Bruins

teammate Dana Yalung 6-0, 6-1 in 45 minutes for the title. It was the second straight year Young had beaten Yalung in the final.

Yalung posted a 7-6 (5), 6-3 win over Piedmont's Mary Ann Kao in her semifinal.

The doubles final turned into a Piedmont slugfest as the Highlanders' top-seeded duo of Alana Clark and Olivia Stutz beat teammates Alison Frizell and Mouna Attarha 6-4, 4-6, 7-6 (3).

Times staff writer Scott Strain contributed to this roundup.

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"BUS 174" (NR) Award-winning documentary based on an actual computer-bus hijacking in Rio de Janeiro.

"ELEPHANT" (R) Gus Van Sant's Palme d'Or-winning film about a school shooting similar to the one at Columbine.

"ELF" (PG) Will Ferrell plays one of Santa's helpers, cast out because he's actually not an elf after all.

"LOVE ACTUALLY" (R) Set in the weeks before Christmas, a romantic comedy about a group of interlinked Londoners trying to find and keep love. The ensemble cast includes Hugh Grant, Emma Thompson, Colin Firth and Liam Neeson.

"THE DIRECTOR'S CUT": Much has changed in this rerelease of the ground-breaking sci-fi thriller. To even 24 years its original release, Ridley Scott's movie still works, even the effects. No movie today would have waited an hour before being out, but the result is more tense, and the final hour less. — C. Hewitt. (R: strong sexual content, nudity and intense violence.) 1 hour, 56 minutes. B+

"AMERICAN SPLENDOR": This biopic about comic-book writer Stan Lee is a well-told, well-acted film that is as refreshingly original as its subject. The acerbic Clevelandly voiced Lee is played by the banal inspired collage of animation, and documentary that's a mix of sweet-and-sour wit and a three-point perspective on Lee's life. The filmmakers are assisted by comic artists including Lee's friend, and also by Lee himself. At the end, Lee says, "I'm not a guy you want to know 10 minutes with. But that's the shill you cross the street with. The shill you want whose look at the world enlarges your

OPENING TODAY

"SHATTERED GLASS" (PG-13) A young magazine journalist appears to be on the road to great success, until his credibility is called into question. Based on the true story of the New Republic's Stephen Glass.

"THE SINGING DETECTIVE" (R) Robert Downey Jr. plays a crime novelist bedridden with a terrible disease, whose hallucinations and dreams come to life in vivid detail. Based on the ground-breaking British television series.

"BILLABONG ODYSSEY" (R) Feature film about the life-or-death adventures of a team of surfer/explorers searching for the biggest wave on the planet.

own. — C. Rickey. (R: language.) 1 hour, 41 minutes. B+

"BEYOND BORDERS": Far be it for us to mock this overwrought flick's message about the desperate needs of the masses of sick and starving people in Third World countries. But the outfits donned by our heroine Sarah (Angelina Jolie) are not beyond mockery. To save lives in Africa, she's in all white linen, in Cambodia, sleek black, for Chechnya, a fur hat that Audrey Hepburn would have adored. All these shifting locales and outfits make this love story, co-starring Clive Owen as a rebellious doctor, who gives this socialite's life sudden meaning, feel like an overly long episode of "Alias," with fewer guns and a social conscience. — M. Pols. (R: language, war-related violence.) 2 hours, 7 minutes. C

"BROTHER BEAR": This Disney animated film starts with a tribal ancient, speaking in the Inuit language, introducing "a story from long ago, when man and nature lived side by side." It is about his brother, Kenai, desperate to become a man. Soon it will be time for his manhood ceremony, when the shaman will present him with the animal totem that is fated to guide his life. Much to Kenai's macho disgust, that totem is a bear, symbol of love. A combination of events transform this adolescent into a healthy bear. Kenai is

horrified, and wants to get to the sacred mountain for a transformation, only he doesn't know where it is. Enter Koda, a young cub who has been separated from his mother and wants to trade his knowledge of the mountain's whereabouts for some companionship. — K. Turan. (G) 1 hour, 25 minutes. C

"BUBBA HO-TEP": You can't do much better in terms of high concept than the premise for this action-comedy, which pits an elderly Elvis Presley and an old John F. Kennedy against an Egyptian undead who shambles around a retirement home sucking the souls out of victims. Unfortunately, it's a punch line in search of a setup. What fission the film generates comes from its lead performers, including Ossie Davis' mocking, salted gravitas in playing Kennedy. Here he was surgically made black — and can't go back — when he was spirited away after a 1963 assassination attempt. Bruce Campbell portrays an elderly Presley. — E. Mitchell. (R: violence, strong language.) 1 hour, 32 minutes. C-

"DIE MOMMIE DIE!": Based on Charles Busch's stage play, Busch himself plays a faded songstress named Angela Arden, determined to bask in the glow of fame's hot lights. She's entangled in a wild web of murder and sexual intrigue. Hubby Sol Sussman (Philip Baker Hall) is a vin-

dictive producer with deep debt who discovers Angela's affair with failed actor Tony Parker (Jason Priestley). Nubile daughter Edith (Natasha Lynne) detests Angela as much as she adores her daddy, while son Lance has just been booted out of college for debauchery. A murder follows, then a second and finally a revelation. The film is loaded with camped-up intrigue and outdated Tinseltown con-

"GOOD BOY": Liam Aiken stars as 12-year-old Owen Baker, a misfit with a part-time job walking neighborhood dogs. He's a sad kid who has trouble making friends, until he gets a stray mutt of his own, a terrier named Hubble. Turns out Hubble's a scout from Sirius, dispatched to Earth to find out how canines spent thousands of years earlier have fared on their mission to take over the planet. A fluke accident allows Owen to understand dog-speak. The idea that dogs came from outer space to colonize Earth is cute enough, but like a colic scratching endlessly at the same flea bites, "Good Boy!" claws monotonously at a few dumb gags. — D. German. (PG: some mild crude humor.) 1 hour, 28 minutes. C

"THE HUMAN STAIN": Like the Philip Roth novel from which it is faithfully adapted, the film is an indictment of politically correct America and at the same time, a clear-eyed examination of the insidious evils of racism. Anthony Hopkins plays Coleman Silk, a classics professor disgraced when he innocently uses a word with racial connotations. He takes up with a janitor at the college (Nicole Kidman, a surprisingly believable brown pusher), which leads to an unexpected revelation about Coleman's past. May seem ponderous to those who haven't read Roth's book; those who have will appreciate the tauter, more overtly dramatic cinematic version. Wentworth Miller, who plays the young Coleman, has a future as a heartthrob. — M. Pols. (R: language, sexuality/nudity.) 1 hour, 46 minutes. B+

"IN THE CUT": Director Jane Campion goes seriously astray with this Meg Ryan murder mystery set in the trash strewn streets of Manhattan and adapted by Campion and Susanna Moore from Moore's novel. All it has going for it are Ryan's sex scenes with Mark Ruffalo. Despite its arty

pretensions, it's ultimately just a prettier version of the passive-woman-in-peril crime scenarios currently proliferating on prime-time television. Ryan is a blank, Ruffalo miscast and the ending a cop-out. At least Moore's original ending was vile enough to make an impression. — M. Pols. (R: strong sexuality including explicit dialogue, nudity and graphic crime scenes.) 1 hour, 58 minutes. D-

"INTOLERABLE CRUELTY": A sparkling frivolity from Ethan and Joel Coen, one that makes all the recent crop of romantic comedies seem pale and humorless. George Clooney plays a slightly despicable but dashing divorce lawyer who becomes entangled with a man-killing gold digger (Catherine Zeta-Jones). Onscreen, they have the magic and chemistry of some of our great romantic pairings, and the movie is a hoot, with just enough dark Coen brothers humor to keep it edgy. — M. Pols. (PG-13: sexual content, language and brief violence.) 1 hour, 40 minutes. A-

"KILL BILL — VOL. 1": Peel away all that is pretentious, offensive, over-indulgent and silly about Quentin Tarantino's latest, and you're left with an action movie with fantastic music, considerable style and the mentality of a director refusing to leave the sanctuary of his 1970s childhood. Uma Thurman plays a former assassin out to avenge the death of her husband and unborn daughter. She has a list of five people to kill, Bill being the last to go. In this first volume (oh please, can you say commercial manipulation?), she tackles the first two. In February, we get the ending, which promises to be just as violent and nasty. We can hardly wait. — M. Pols. (R: violence and language.) 1 hour, 50 minutes. C+

"LOST IN TRANSLATION": Everybody about writer-director Sofia Coppola's wry and wistful film is lovely, and that includes, of all things, the presence and performance of Bill Murray. He plays an aging American actor in Tokyo to film commercials for a Japanese whiskey. Bored, depressed about his lousy marriage and jet-lagged, he meets a young American woman (Scarlett Johansson) who has accompanied her photographer husband (Giovanni Ribisi) to Japan. They end up wandering Tokyo together, developing a fleeting but intense friendship. Murray is at his absolute best, and Coppola proves she's a director to watch. Simple and small, but this film has a special shimmer about it. — M. Pols. (R: some sexual content.) 1 hour, 35 minutes. A

"MAMBO ITALIANO": Gay and Italian — the comic possibilities of "Mambo Italiano" are mind-boggling. The reality is less so. No Godfathers and drag queens here, just a broad farce about a nice Italian boy who wants to get an apartment with another nice Italian boy in Montreal's tradition-bound Little Italy. Part of the problem is that Angelo (Luke Kirby), the narrator and son who is trying to move out of the family home, has no chemistry with Nino (Peter Miller), his alleged soulmate. Much of the movie focuses on Angelo's immigrant parents (Ginette Reno and Paul Sorvino) and their reaction to the brave new world of a gay son. No worries: Everything will be resolved over a fine tomato sauce. — S. Norman-Culp. (R: language, sexual situations.) 1 hour, 28 minutes. C

"THE MATRIX REVOLUTIONS": It takes a lot of forgiving and forgetting to derive any pleasure from this final chapter in the stylish man-vs.-machine trilogy. You have to let go of disappointment over "Reloaded," the second installment released earlier this year; you must overlook a truly hideous opening hour; and you have to forget the first "Matrix," an exhilarating experience that never succumbed, as this does, to self-conscious solemnity, senseless riddles and protracted death scenes. — P. Flowers. (R: sci-fi violence, brief sexual content.) 2 hours, 9 minutes. C

"MY LIFE WITHOUT ME": Sarah Polley plays Ann, a 23-year-old mother of two who works on a night cleaning crew and lives with her husband, Don (Scott Speedman), in a trailer in her mother's back yard. Ann's own biog-

raphy has the ring of blue-collar boilerplate: teenage pregnancy, a father in jail, a husband who has trouble finding work. Then everything changes when Ann learns that she has only a few months to live. Rather than tell her family, she decides to brave it alone, compiling a list of things to do before dying, which range from the practical to the wildly self-indulgent. — A.O. Scott. (R: some profanity, some sexually suggestive scenes and conversations.) 1 hour, 46 minutes. C

"MYSTIC RIVER": There are many reasons to admire this dark drama, from the remarkable level of acting talent to the maturity and measured elegance of Clint Eastwood's direction. The film stimulates its audience like a classic old-fashioned mystery, the tension building to almost painful levels. Two tragedies lie at its heart, with breakout performances by Sean Penn and Tim Robbins as childhood friends forever shaped by ominous events. — M. Pols. (R: language, violence.) 2 hours, 17 minutes. A-

"OUT OF TIME": Denzel Washington portrays a police chief in a small Florida Keys town who makes one stupid move after another in this thriller. But stupidity doesn't suit the actor; it's like seeing James Bond in a clown suit. Directed by Richmond native Carl Franklin ("Devil in a Blue Dress"), the movie is conflicted; it wants us to believe that Washington's character would be such a pushover, yet smart enough to elude the police who pursue him. Standard fare, with a mindless plot strengthened by its sully setting. Oscar-winner Washington deserves better. — M. Pols. (PG-13: sexual content, violence and some language.) 1 hour, 45 minutes. C

"PIECES OF APRIL": With a theme about a dying mother (Patricia Clarkson), an estranged daughter (Kate Holmes), and a Thanksgiving dinner reunion, this film from writer/director Peter Hedges has the potential to be as cloying as sweet potato pie. But Hedges ("What's Eating Gilbert Grape") gracefully dodges that bullet, delivering a movie that manages to be darkly funny and deeply touching at the same time. Clarkson shines. Holmes advances past Joy Potter and there are lovely supporting performances from Oliver Platt as the dad and newcomer Alison Pill as the thoroughly vexing younger sister. — M. Pols. (PG-13: language, sensuality, drug content and images of nudity.) 1 hour, 21 minutes. A-

"PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: THE CURSE OF THE BLACK PEARL": Johnny Depp is the best thing about this overblown pirate epic inspired by the Disneyland theme ride. You've never seen a pirate like Depp's Capt. Jack Sparrow. He prances, he flits; he seems like an escapee from "The Rocky Horror Picture Show." Keira Knightley (the tomboy from "Bend It Like Beckham") makes a winning love interest, but overall, this Jerry Bruckheimer production is a flashy, soulless bore. After two hours, it becomes a ride one desperately wants to get off. — M. Pols. (PG-13: action/adventure violence.) 2 hours, 23 minutes. C

"RETURNER": In this Japanese sci-fi flick, a plucky, androgynous-seeming visitor from 2084 named Milla is sent to foil an invasion by robotic extraterrestrials, retro-transformers that have laid siege to what remains of mankind. Milla is spit from the space-time continuum in the middle of a dockside firefight. Now if only the shootouts weren't so long and the villain weren't so stock. But no matter. The real reason to see this film is the scrappy rapport between the leads. — G. Lovell. (R: violence; in Japanese with English subtitles.) 1 hour, 58 minutes. B

"RADIO": Tolerance for this gushy sentimental high school sports flick depends on whether you've been booting or rooting on the sidelines for its star, Cuba Gooding Jr. He plays a shy loner who collects radios and becomes mascot, cheerleader and gofer for South Carolina sports teams in the '60s. Based on a true story, it is

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Parkway Theater... 1834 Park Blvd... Oakland 510-814-2400... American Splendor (R) 7, 9:30... Intolerable Cruelty (PG-13) 9:15, 9:45... Out of Time (PG-13) 9:45... Veronica Guerin (R) 6:30.

Piedmont Theater... 4186 Piedmont Ave... Oakland 510-654-2758... in the Cut (R) 1:30, 4:45, 9:20... Lost in Translation (R) 2:40, 7:30, 9:30... Pieces of April (PG-13) 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:10.

Shattuck Cinemas... 2230 Shattuck Ave... Berkeley 510-644-2992... Brother Bear (G) 1, 3:05, 5:10, 7:15, 9:15... Bus 174 (Not Rated) 1:15, 4:45, 9:40... The Human Stain (R) 1:30, 4:20, 7:05, 9:35... Intolerable Cruelty (PG-13) 2:10, 4:25, 6:55, 9:25... The Revolution Will Not Be Televised (Not Rated) 1:20, 3:10, 5:15, 7:10, 9:05... Scary Movie 3 (PG-13) 1:05, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45, 10:10... School of Rock (PG-13) 1:40, 4:30, 7:20, 9:45... Shattered Glass (PG-13) 2:45, 7:30, 9:30... The Singing Detective (R) 1:45, 4:15, 7:30, 9:55... Under the Tuscan Sun (PG-13) 1:10, 4:05, 6:50, 9:20.

United Artists Berkeley 7... 2274 Shattuck Ave... Berkeley 510-843-0193... in the Cut (R) 1:20, 4:40, 8:15, 10:50... The Matrix Revolutions (R) 10, 11, 12, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 5:55, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 10:15... Radio (PG) 12:10, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15... Runaway Jury (PG-13) 1:55, 4:50, 7:30, 10:30... The Texas Chainsaw Massacre (2003) (R) 12:45, 3:15, 5:40, 8:10, 10:45.

United Artists Emery Bay... 6330 Christie Ave... Emeryville 510-420-0492... Elf (PG) 12:30, 2:50, 4:30, 5:20, 7, 7:50, 9:30, 10:20... The Human Stain (R) 12:40, 3:10, 5:40, 8:10, 10:40... Kill Bill Volume I (R) 12:30, 2:10, 3, 4:30, 7:10, 8, 9:40, 10:30... Out of Time (PG-13) 2:20, 4:45, 7:20, 9:45... Runaway Jury (PG-13) 1:50, 4, 4:50, 7, 7:50, 10, 10:45... School of Rock (PG-13) 1:20, 3:20, 5:50, 8:20, 10:45... Under the Tuscan Sun (PG-13) 1:30, 4:15, 6:50, 9:20.

Renaissance Orinda Theater... 4 Orinda Theatre Sq... Orinda 925-254-9060... Love Actually (R) 12:30, 3:45, 7, 9:35... Mystic River (R) 11, 1:10, 3:25, 5:40, 8:15... Pieces of April (PG-13) 12:15, 2:15, 4:15, 6, 7:45, 9:25.

Renaissance Park Theatre... 3519 Golden Gate Way... Lafayette 925-283-7997... The Human Stain (R) 1:30, 4:15, 7, 9:30.

Rheem Theatre... 350 Park St... Moraga 925-988-3411... Elf (PG) 4:45, 7:30, 9:50... The Matrix Revolutions (R) 5, 7, 8, 9:45... Scary Movie 3 (PG-13) 5:10, 7, 9:15.

West Contra Costa... Century 16 Hilltop... 3200 Klase Way... Richmond 510-758-2345... Alien - The Director's Cut (R) 5:10... Brother Bear (G) 11:30, 12:15, 1, 1:40, 2:25, 3:10, 3:50, 4:35, 5:20, 6, 6:45, 7:30.

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San Francisco... AMC Van Ness 14... 1000 Van Ness Avenue... San Francisco 415-922-4292... Alien - The Director's Cut (R) 3:05, 10:50... Brother Bear (G) 2:15, 4:35, 6:50, 9, 9:45... Elf (PG) 2:30, 5, 7:30, 10:05... In the Cut (R) 1:50, 4:40, 7:25, 10:10... Kill Bill Volume I (R) 2:10, 5:20, 8, 10:40... Lost in Translation (R) 1:45, 4:45, 7:15, 9:50... Love Actually (R) 1, 4, 7, 10... The Matrix Revolutions (R) 12:30, 1:15, 3:45, 4:30, 7, 7:45, 10:15, 11... Mystic River (R) 1:20, 4:25, 7:35, 10:45... Runaway Jury (PG-13) 1:30, 4:20, 7:20, 10:20... Scary Movie 3 (PG-13) 1:25, 3:40, 6, 8:30, 10:50... School of Rock (PG-13) 1:50, 4:30, 7:05, 9:45... The Texas Chainsaw Massacre (2003) (R) 2:25, 5:30, 8:05, 10:35... Under the Tuscan Sun (PG-13) 12:30, 5:45, 8:20.

AMC Kabuki 8... 1887 Post St... San Francisco 415-891-9600... Brother Bear (G) 12:55, 3:05, 5:20, 7:40, 9:55... Elf (PG) 1:50, 4:55, 7:30, 10:05... Intolerable Cruelty (PG-13) 1:30, 4:25, 7:10, 9:45... Kill Bill Volume I (R) 2:50, 8, 10:35... Radio (PG) 1:15, 4:05, 7, 9:35... Runaway Jury (PG-13) 1:05, 4:15, 7:20, 10:15... Scary Movie 3 (PG-13) 1:20, 4:35, 7, 9:25... School of Rock (PG-13) 1:40, 4:45, 7:50, 10:25.

Bridge Theatre... 3010 Geary Blvd... San Francisco 415-751-3213... The Station Agent (R) 2:40, 5, 7:15, 9:35.

Castro Theatre... 429 Castro St... San Francisco 415-621-6120... Unusual Encounters Shorts Program (Not Rated) 10:30... Queen of the Gypsies (Not Rated) 1... Collect Call (Not Rated) 3:15... Tribute to Moctesuma Esparza (NR) 5:45... We Are the Music (Not Rated) 10.

Clay Theatre... 2261 Filmore Street... San Francisco 415-346-1124... Sylvia (R) 1:45, 4:20, 7, 9:40.

Embarcadero Center Cinemas... 1 Embarcadero Center... San Francisco 415-352-0835... City of God (R) 1:10, 4:10, 7, 9:50... Elephant (R) 12:20, 2:20, 4:30, 7:20, 9:30... Pieces of April (PG-13) 12, 2:30, 4:50, 7:10, 9:20... Shattered Glass (PG-13) 12:10, 2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 10:10... The Singing Detective (R) 1, 4, 7:30, 10.

Lumiere Theatre... 1572 California St... San Francisco 415-885-3201... American Splendor (R) 2, 4:30, 7, 9:30... Bubba Ho-Tep (R) 2:45, 5, 7:30, 9:45... Bus 174 (Not Rated) 1, 3:45, 6:30, 9:15.

Opera Plaza Cinema... 601 Van Ness Ave... San Francisco 415-771-0183... Dirty Pretty Things (R) 5, 9:50... Mambo Italiano (R) 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:40... My Life Without Me (R) 2, 4:30, 7, 9:30... The Revolution Will Not Be Televised (Not Rated) 2:30, 7:30... Tibet: Cry of the Snow Lion (Not Rated) 1:45, 4:15, 6:45, 9:20.

The Red Vic Theatre... 1727 Haight... San Francisco 415-668-3394... The Backyard (Not Rated) 7:15, 9:15.

The Roxie Theatre... 3117 16th At Valencia... San Francisco 415-863-1067... Hidden in Plain Sight 7... Platin Columbia 9:30.

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Loews IMAX Theatre... 101 Fourth Street... San Francisco 415-369-6201... The Matrix Revolutions (R) 9:50, 1:20, 4:50, 8:20, 11:50.

United Artists Galaxy 4... 1265 Sutter St... San Francisco 415-474-8790... Billabong Odyssey (PG) 12:45, 3:10, 5:15, 7:30, 9:40... The Human Stain (R) 12:15, 2:45, 5:10, 7:40, 10:10... Returner (Not Rated) 12:30, 7... Scarface (R) 3:15, 9:30... Veronica Guerin (R) 12:40, 3, 5:20, 7:45, 10... (2003) (R) 2:20, 4:55, 7:35, 10:20.

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'Elephant': A plodding drama

By Mary F. Pols
STAFF WRITER

With "Elephant," evidence is mounting that Gus Van Sant, after a dalliance with Hollywood, is in a strange phase. One more film like this and it may turn into a genuine Period, as in Picasso's Blue Period. Except this one would have to be called Van Sant's Molasses Period, as in Slower Than.

Like "Gerry," Van Sant's last film, in which two young men (Matt Damon and Casey Affleck) got lost in the wilderness while carrying on the world's most inane conversation, "Elephant" travels at the speed of real life, not real life. It is aggravating, but again, like "Gerry," not dismissible. Despite the fact that the film depicts a day in which a Columbine-like high school shooting takes place, you could be forgiven for finding it dull.

Students, all portrayed by nonprofessional actors, amble through the halls, enduring gym class, gossiping, going to the library—in short, doing what kids do. Occasionally, Van Sant includes a shot of clouds in an autumn sky, or takes us outdoors, where the bright fallen leaves are starting to add up on the ground.

"Elephant," which takes its title from Alan Clarke's 1989 BBC film "Elephant" about violence in Northern Ireland, which in

REVIEW

■ **WHAT:** "Elephant"

■ **STARRING:** Alex Frost, Eric Deulen, John Robinson, Elias McConnell, Jordan Taylor, Carrie Finklea, Timothy Bottoms

■ **RATING:** R (violence)

■ **RUNNING TIME:** 1 hour, 21 minutes

■ **WHERE:** Opens today at the Act 1 and 2, Berkeley, and the Embarcadero Center Cinemas, S.F.

■ **GRADE:** B-

turn was referencing the old saying about a problem being as easy to ignore as an elephant in the living room, takes no stance on school shootings. It presents no explanations or motivations for mass murder (unless you count being hit by spitballs as rationale). It's unemotional about the killings, almost hardhearted. In their last minutes on Earth, we watch three friends—Brittany, Jordan and Nicole—bitch their way through a few bites of lunch and then head to the bathroom for a shared bout of bulimia.

In the time we spend with these nasty girls, we see nothing redeeming about them beyond being life forms. One wonders if Van Sant wants us to

believe that some teenage lives aren't worth much.

What "Elephant" does give us is a mounting sense of dread, coupled with a feeling of being hypnotized by the mundane. In the latter respect, it may be most acute in capturing the feelings of the killers themselves, here known as Alex (Alex Frost) and Eric (Eric Deulen). Nothing is happening at this high school, nothing at all, and it starts to drive us crazy, to the point where we want, as Alex and Eric and all the real-life boys with guns must have, something monumental to happen. Right now.

This dread is powerful; it carries us through many long, uneventful tracking shots. Tellingly, once the shooting starts, there's nothing left to engage us, and we start to feel as aimless as Alex and Eric. They wander around looking for new victims, frustrated that they all seem to have fled, while we start to long for the movie to be over.

Is it enough to be presented with this stark depiction of the Columbine killings, set and shot in the Northwest? Through television and news accounts, we already know the story. "Elephant" puts us there, in those hallways, treading just behind the students and killers, but beyond that, it serves about the same purpose as what's called a tick-tock in the



IN THE ZONE: Alex Frost stares off into space in Gus Van Sant's slow-paced "Elephant."

newspaper business, in which a narrative presents events as they happened.

Van Sant could probably make an eloquent argument for his decision to stay so removed. Maybe he'd say our society needs to face up to what it's wrought, and that it's our job to figure out the whys. That's probably what the French thought when they gave Van Sant the best director award at Cannes this year, as well as handing the film the coveted Palme d'Or.

If the goal of the movie is simply to be disturbing and thought-provoking, then it succeeds. But there's something needlessly cruel about "Elephant's" refusal to shed any light on its subject matter.

At the time of the slaughter at Columbine, school shootings had become sadly familiar to Americans. We seemed stuck on replay; the same disaffected boys, the same futile search for answers, the new set of movies or mass media to blame. It

seemed as though one would beget another, and we were dealing with an epidemic. It's not Van Sant's job to tell why it all happened, or to let us feel any more resolved about it.

On the other hand, our faces in it doesn't seem to have much purpose. Ready did that for

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nonetheless too maudlin and adoring to be effective. — D. Germain. (PG: mild language, thematic elements.) 1 hour, 46 minutes. C+

■ **"RUNAWAY JURY":** The typical formulaic John Grisham thriller where you know right will prevail, against considerable odds, but you still have fun trying to figure out precisely how. This one works because it features so much ambiguity. The only clear-cut good guy is Dustin Hoffman as an idealistic attorney challenging gun manufacturers. Gene Hackman is the shark trying to rig the jury, and John Cusack plays a prospective juror with a hidden agenda and a greedy girlfriend. Not deep, and it doesn't stretch Hackman and Hoffman's acting capacities, but suspenseful and engaging. — M. Pols. (PG-13: violence, language and thematic elements.) 2 hours, 7 minutes. B

■ **"SCARY MOVIE 3":** The Wayans brothers have passed the scary-movie spoof baton to the "Airplane" guys, with tepid results. The movie has no edge, no "flava." It plays like 80 minutes of "Naked Gun" rejects, complete with an aging, less funny Leslie Nielsen, a spitting Charlie "Hot Shots!" Sheen, and for good measure, Pamela Anderson. — R. Moore. (PG-13: pervasive crude and sexual humor, language, comedic violence and drug references.) 1 hour, 20 minutes. D

■ **"SCHOOL OF ROCK":** Jack Black stars as Dewey Finn in this happy, crowd-pleasing package with an off-beat, slightly demented script. He's a guitarist with delusions of being a musical deity. Fired from his latest ensemble, desperate for cash to enter a battle-of-the-bands contest and have his revenge, Dewey passes himself off as his substitute-teacher roommate (Mike White) and takes a job at a swank prep school. Put Black in a classroom of uptight, uniformed over-achievers who now have an aimless sub for a teacher, and watch the sparks fly. — R. Moore. (PG-13: rude humor and drug references.) 1 hour, 48 minutes. B+

■ **"SPELLBOUND":** This Academy Award-nominated documentary is ostensibly about the National Spelling Bee, told through the stories of eight kids who made it to the 1999 finals. But that makes it sound so dry, and this is such a passionate and engaging movie. You fall hard for eight very

distinct and somewhat peculiar children, and at the same time, are moving reminded of all the best things about the melting pot and the American dream. Sharp, clever editing enhances the natural tension of the bee, and filmmakers Jeff Blitz and Sean Welch know how to use irony while remaining good-hearted and true to their subjects. — M. Pols. (G) 1 hour, 37 minutes. A

■ **"THE STATION AGENT":** A reticent dwarf, a grieving mother and a chatty hot-dog vendor walk into a bar. Actually, they drink beer on a porch, but you get the idea. It sounds like the setup to a joke, but it's the premise of this small film bursting with insightful humor, unforced poignancy and beautifully drawn characters. Peter Dinklage, Patricia Clarkson and Bobby Cannavale vividly portray three lonely people in rural New Jersey who form an unlikely social circle, despite their antisocial tendencies. That they're all oddballs and misfits may sound a bit too precious, but writer-director Tom McCarthy has developed the characters beautifully. — C. Lemire. (R: language, some drug content.) 1 hour, 30 minutes. B+

■ **"STEP INTO LIQUID":** Filmmaker Dana Brown's father, Bruce Brown, made the 1966 film "The Endless Summer," which followed a group of surfing champions on a world tour and became one of the most successful documentaries of all time. The personnel may be different and the technology may have changed, but the format's appeal remains. With its astounding views of angry seascapes, its handsome young men (and a few women) poised atop 10-foot waves with the serenity and aplomb of an equestrian statue in Central Park, a nonstop soundtrack of old and new surfing songs and a pervasive philosophy that views life as fun and self-fulfillment as the highest good, what is there not to like? Like his father, Brown has the magical ability to take his public on a two-hour vacation. It's the next best thing to being there. — D. Kehr. (Not rated.) 1 hour, 28 minutes. B

■ **"SYLVIA":** The illustrated Sylvia Plath, focusing on the love story between the doomed American poet, played convincingly here by Gwyneth Paltrow, and her husband, Ted Hughes (Daniel Craig). Christine Jeffs' film is very pretty and quite moving in places, but it doesn't shed any new light on the life and death of the last century's most celebrated female poet. John Brownlow's script is gen-

erally overly polite and cautious, but it does make one dangerous leap, a suggestion for the motivation behind Plath's suicide that scholars will probably dispute. Paltrow's mother, Blythe Danner, shows up as Plath's mother, a great bit of casting that feels wasted when we only get one sharp, suggestive scene between them. — M. Pols. (R: sexuality, nudity and language.) 1 hour, 50 minutes. B-

■ **"THE TEXAS CHAINSAW MASSACRE":** Here it is, a slaughterhouse set in a slaughterhouse, complete with body parts, internal organs, blood spurts, torture, senseless murder and mayhem. It's a tale of teens on their way to a Lynyrd Skynyrd concert in 1973. They pick up the wrong hitchhiker, stop to call for help in the wrong town and wind up hunted by Leatherface, the prototype for every faceless, soulless monster from Jason to Buffalo Bill. This is as depressing as movies get. — R. Moore. (R: strong horror violence/gore, language and drug content.) 1 hour, 34 minutes. D-

■ **"THIRTEEN":** It's the story of two teenage girls who have just moved past stuffed animals into sex, shopping and self-mutilation. We follow Tracy (Evan Rachel Wood) in her abrupt transformation from good girl to sullen troublemaker, under the wing of seductive bad seed Evie (Nikki Reed). Tracy's mom (played by Holly Hunter) seems clueless and overwhelmed. The story occasionally veers into melodrama. In addition to Tracy's sudden conversion to sex, drugs, piercing and purse-snatching, almost all the adults are recovering from alcohol or drug addiction. The film has been rated R, which raises one troubling question. How can a movie with so much to say to adolescent girls be made off-limits to them unless they're accompanied by a parent or guardian? — B. Newman. (R: profanity, sexuality, drug use, scenes of self-mutilation.) 1 hour, 35 minutes. B

■ **"TIBET: CRY OF THE SNOW LION":** Tom Peosay's documentary is an impeccably made and often moving account of the captive nation of Tibet, forcibly annexed by China more than 50 years ago. Using material gathered during 10 years, the film func-

tions as both a breathtaking travelogue and a political provocation, offering convincing evidence of the Chinese government's determination to wipe out Tibetan culture and identity. — D. Kehr. (NR) 1 hour, 40 minutes. B+

■ **"UNDER THE TUSCAN SUN":** Generalizations are risky, but anyone wanting to know the answer to the eternal question "What do women want?" (or rather, women over 35) need look no farther than Audrey Wells' frothy adaptation of Frances Mayes' best seller. A woman (Diane Lane) gets dumped, despairs, goes sightseeing in Italy, buys a run-down villa in a small Tuscan hill town, cooks fabulous meals for friends, takes a gorgeous lover and essentially assumes a whole new identity. This is how we should all be dumped. The really nice thing about the movie, aside from Lane's warm, vulnerable performance, is its focus on how we recover from lost love, rather than the pursuit of a fresh one. — M. Pols. (PG-13: sexual content, language.) 1 hour, 55 minutes. B+

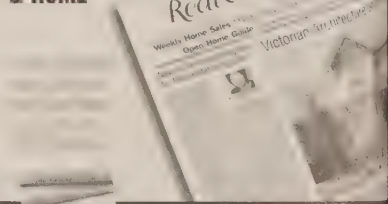
■ **"VERONICA GUERIN":** This scaled-down, no-frills, straight-acting piece on the events leading up to the murder of a real-life Irish crusader/journalist stars Cate Blanchett in the title role. Guerin dared to uncover the dark truth about drug dealers in Dublin and paid dearly for it. Director

Joel Schumacher makes the mistake of opening his film with Guerin's brutal murder and then flashing back to depict the incidents that preceded her death. Knowing how she died and just how much her husband and children are about to lose, it's tough to sit there and admire Guerin for her spunk and determination to stand up for what she believes. — J. Baltake. (R: violence, language and some drug content.) 1 hour, 38 minutes. C

■ **"WINGED MIGRATION":** Jacques Perrin's breathtaking documentary of migrating birds transports you to an

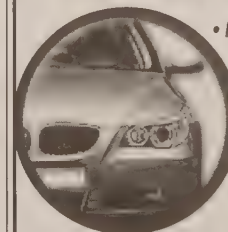
exalted realm, where nature under its own inviolable rules much of the movie. It takes years using five crews — pilots and 14 cinematographers — and below many species they make their annual run may sound facetious, but "Migration" provides such a vicarious experience of seeing airborne creatures — the theater feeling like a member of another species. — J. Baltake. (G) 1 hour, 38 minutes. A

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Events

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BERKELEY REPERTORY THEATRE — "Continental Divide: Mothers Against 'Daughters of the Revolution'" by David Edgar, Nov. 16 through Dec. 28. A two-play cycle examining both sides of a gubernatorial campaign, with candidates forced to take stances on controversial issues and a new focus on Latino votes. The plays can be seen in either order.

"Mothers Against" Nov. 16, Nov. 22, Nov. 30, Dec. 6, Dec. 14, Dec. 21, Dec. 27, 2 p.m.; Nov. 18, Nov. 20, Nov. 21, Nov. 25, Nov. 29, Dec. 5, Dec. 9, Dec. 13, Dec. 18, Dec. 20, Dec. 26, 8 p.m.; Nov. 23, Nov. 26, Dec. 7, Dec. 10, Dec. 28, 7 p.m.

"Daughters of the Revolution" Nov. 16, Nov. 30, Dec. 3, Dec. 14, Dec. 17, Dec. 21, 7 p.m.; Nov. 22, Nov. 28, Dec. 2, Dec. 4, Dec. 6, Dec. 11, Dec. 12, Dec. 16, Dec. 19, Dec. 23, Dec. 27, 8 p.m.; Nov. 23, Nov. 29, Dec. 7, Dec. 13, Dec. 20, Dec. 28, 2 p.m.

\$43 to \$55. Roca Theatre, 2015 Addison St., Berkeley. 510-647-2949, (888) 4BRTix or www.berkeleyrep.org.

CENTRAL WORKS THEATRE ENSEMBLE — "Lionheart: The Last Great Crusade" by Gary Graves, through Nov. 23. A new look at one of the most famous kings of England, who led the Third Crusade against his archrival of the Islamic world, Saladin.

\$8 to \$20. Thursday through Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 5 p.m. Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant Ave., Berkeley. 510-558-1381 or www.centralworks.org.

CONTRA COSTA CIVIC THEATRE — "Forever Plaid" by Stuart Ross and James Raitt, through Nov. 29. On the night the Beatles first played in America, a freak auto accident kills the members of The Plaid. Twenty-six years later, the nerdy doo-wop group is given one night on earth to fulfill their dreams of what "could have been." A '50s-style music revue.

\$20. Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m.; NO PERFORMANCES NOV. 14 THROUGH NOV. 16. 951 Pomona Ave., El Cerrito. 510-524-9132.

EXPERIMENTAL GROUP YOUNG PEOPLE'S THEATRE (EGPT) — "CLOSING" — "The Congregation" by Minnie Gibson and Enq Hayles, closing Nov. 9. The church body runs the church and every preacher hired to lead it, until one comes who cannot be moved.

\$15. Thursday through Saturday, 7 p.m.; Sunday 3 p.m. 5306 Foothill Blvd., Oakland. 510-436-4877 or www.egpttheatre.com.

IMPACT THEATRE — Now permanently housed under a pizza restaurant, dinner and a show is available if you like pizza.

"Macbeth" by William Shakespeare, Nov. 7 through Dec. 13. A fast-paced, bloody version of the tale of a Scottish nobleman's obsessive quest for

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1 One for the record books

5 Supermodel Carré

9 Antarctic explorer

15 License holder

18 City southwest of Bogota

19 Congregational altar

21 Stanzas

22 Speed

23 Hit the ground

24 It's a cut above

25 Big name in brewing

26 "___ Woman" (Maria Muldaur hit)

27 They're often caught in the morning

30 Put through a blender

32 How prices may rise

33 Spike's bowlful

34 "Opps!"

35 Extinct flightless bird

36 Some brokerage biz

37 Reed and Rawls

38 Work on the street

42 Sauce ingredients from the garden

46 "Measure" of evidence

50 Turn over

DOWN

2 "Stay" singer — Luch

53 Prayer leader

55 Circle dance

56 Spiced cookie

59 In what way

60 Brought down

62 Regatta unit

63 Hurdle for a future litigator: Abbr.

65 Cheime lover of Callias

66 "No one knows"

69 Reddish-brown

72 "Crisis cries"

73 Actress who wrote "Respect for Acting"

77 Book that says "Mordcaid rent his clothes, and put on sackcloth with ashes"

78 Hose wrecker

79 Chief constituent of China clay

80 Mrs. Kahn

81 Excellent

83 "The Gambler" star, 1974

85 Honcho

86 "Ready"

88 Needing a loan

92 Cluckers

93 Breather

95 "Cullen's country"

96 Bean sprout?

98 Singles bar

99 Giveaway? Abbr.

101 Façade base

102 "Woman With a Crow" artist

106 Relaxes

107 1950 hit that begins "The night is like a lovely tune"

110 Postal delivery: Abbr.

111 Play station

113 Minimal

114 Mussolini, in headlines

115 Nice one

116 Counter man?

117 Come after

118 "Do you have Prince Albert in ___?"

119 Temp's work unit

120 Grass cutters

121 Trick ending?

122 Bird sanctuary

16 Name meaning "loved"

17 Double-check the figures

20 High-ranking angels

28 Fake up

29 "Hello, Don Ho!"

31 Time for horn blowing

34 Rock's beloved

36 "What now?"

38 Ones with faces only a mother could love

39 Pacific capital

40 One of a Latin trio

41 Haydn used two in "The Philosopher's Symphony"

43 Remse, as with a solvent

44 Laugh-a-minute folk

45 Jaguar rival

47 Cloney's "ER" role

48 "Able was I, ___ Eba!"

49 Some diaper changers

51 Creditor

54 Stick, in a way

57 Talking points?

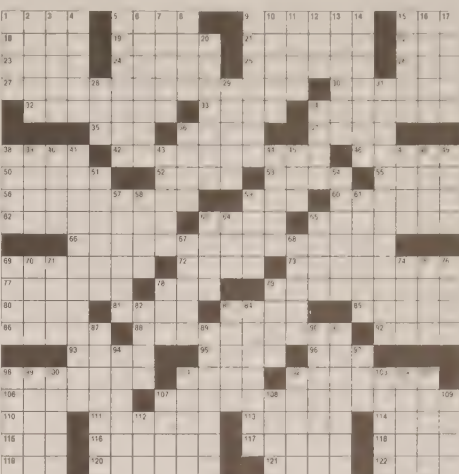
58 Enlistee's choice

59 Aachen abode

61 Knock down, as a base

63 Sight from the Rhine

64 Cry hidden seven times elsewhere in this puzzle



65 "___ be in England"

67 Liberties

68 China's second-longest river

69 Move, in real estate lingo

70 Techie's client

71 Lee who created Spider-Man

74 Razz

75 Thames academy

76 Beaks

78 Genetics lab study

79 "High Noon" lawman

82 Prefix with -genarian

83 Brother of Zeppo

84 Ring of light

87 Adolescent

89 Herd members

90 Print anew

91 America's Cup contestant

94 Was stertorous

97 Rallying cry?

98 Ellery Queen, e.g.: Abbr.

99 Half of a noted cartoon duo

100 Words of woe

101 "Mermaids" actress, 1990

102 First dynasty of Polish rulers

103 Alternative to a sport utility vehicle

104 Booze

105 Ocean terrors

107 Spell casters

108 Monocle, basically

109 Wedding reception rental

112 Small hunt'

power. \$15 general. \$10 students and seniors. Thursday through Saturday, 8 p.m. La Val's Subterranean, 1834 Euclid St., Berkeley. 510-464-4668 or www.impacttheatre.com.

LA PENA CULTURAL CENTER — "The Fruitvale Project," Nov. 7, 8 p.m. A community-based experimental theatre performance showcasing Latino spoken word artists. \$10-12.

Aya de Leon, Nov. 9, 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. A performance of a one-woman hip-hop theatre show "Thieves in the Temple: The Reclaiming of Hip Hop," as well as Bill Santiago's "Spanish 101."

\$5-12. 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-849-2568 or www.lapena.org.

MASQUERS PLAYHOUSE — "1940s Radio Hour" by Walton Jones, through Dec. 13. A musical comedy featuring a "Cavalcade of Stars" rehearsing for a Christmas radio show in New York City in 1943.

\$15. Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m.; Nov. 9, Nov. 16, Nov. 30 and Dec. 7, 2:30

p.m. 105 Park Place, Point Richmond. 510-232-4031 or www.masquers.org.

OAKLAND BOX THEATRE — "The Oakland Poetry Slam," first and third Thursdays, 8 p.m. to midnight. An open mic poetry and music event followed by a performance by touring poets of national acclaim. The night ends with a poetry slam in which poets compete to get to the finals for a place on the 2004 Oakland Slam Team. \$10. 1928 Telegraph Ave., Oakland. 510-451-1932 or www.oakland-box.com.

TRANSPARENT THEATRE — "The No Ghost Hamlet" by William Shakespeare, through Nov. 23. The original dialogue of Shakespeare's play has been placed into a modern, domestic setting with Hamlet, as a woman, arriving home from college to mourn her father's death, only to find her mother set to marry her abusive uncle. In addition, Hamlet is having an affair with her neighbor, Ophelia.

\$25; Thursday, pay-what-you-can. Thursday through Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 7 p.m. 1901 Ashby Ave., Berkeley. 510-883-0305 or www.transparenttheatre.org.

TRAVELING JEWISH THEATRE AND WORD FOR WORD — "Windows and Mirrors: Stories by Paley, Malamud and Biller," through Nov. 9. \$20 to \$28 general; \$20 seniors, students, children. Thursday through Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. Julia Morgan Center for the Arts, 2650 College Ave., Berkeley. 525-798-1300.

UC BERKELEY DEPARTMENT OF THEATRE, DANCE AND PERFORMANCE STUDIES — "Opening" — "Getting Married" by George Bernard Shaw, Nov. 14 through Nov. 23. The Bishop of Chelsea's daughter is about to be married and the immediate relatives guarantee a disaster.

\$14 general; \$8 seniors, students. Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m. Sunday, 2 p.m. Durham Studio Theater, Bancroft

Way and Telegraph Avenue, Berkeley. (866) 468-3399 or www.ticketweb.com.

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Courtaleau, Nov. 11, 8:30 p.m. \$9.

NC Blue Connection, Nov. 12, 9 p.m. \$9.

Liberian Schools Benefit with Sia Amma, Nov. 13, 8:30 p.m. \$10 to \$20.

Wadi Gad, Cosmo. DJ Sister Yasmin Crucial Dance Riddims, Nov. 14, 9:30 p.m. \$12.

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Free. For ages 21 and older. Music at 9:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted.
2271 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-647-1790 or www.beckettsirishpub.com.
BLAKE'S ON TELEGRAPH — The Steve Gannon Band and Mz. Dee, Mondays. \$4.
For ages 18 and older. Music at 9:30 p.m. 2367 Telegraph Ave., Berkeley. 510-848-0886 or www.blakesontelegraph.com.
DOWNTOWN — Tno Paradiso dinner event. Nov. 7.
Rhonda Benin, Nov. 8
Mimi Fox Solo Guitar, Nov. 11
Jules Broussard, Bing Nathan, Ned Boynton, Nov. 12
Keni El Lebriano Flamenco Guitar, Nov. 13
Ned Boynton, Nov. 14
Marcos Silva, Nov. 15
Free. Tuesday through Thursday at 8 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 9:30 p.m. 2102 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-649-3810 or www.downtown-restaurant.com.
FREIGHT AND SALVAGE — Chris Smith, Peter Mulvey, Nov. 7 and Nov. 8. \$17.50 to \$18.50
Bill Amatek, Charlie Chin, Nov. 9. \$15.50 to \$16.50
Ken Waldman, Nov. 11. \$15.50 to \$16.50
Terri Hendrix, Lloyd Maines, Nov. 12. \$15.50 to \$16.50
Tin Hat Trio, Nov. 13. \$16.50 to \$17.50
Lost Weekend, Nov. 14. \$16.50 to \$17.50
Roy Rogers and Norton Buffalo, Nov. 15. \$20.50 to \$21.50
Dan Bern, Susanne, Nov. 16. \$17.50 to \$18.50
Music starts at 8 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 1111 Addison St., Berkeley. 510-848-1761 or 510-762-BASS or www.freightandsalvage.org.
KIMBALLS EAST — Down to the Bone, Nov. 7 through Nov. 9. \$26.
Wayman Tisdale, Nov. 14 and Nov. 15. \$30
Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m.; Sunday, 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. 6005 Shellmound St., Emeryville. 510-762-BASS or www.kimballs.com.
LA PENA CULTURAL CENTER — Luchi Fuentes, Nov. 8, 8 p.m. \$12 to \$14
Alfonso Maya, Nov. 13, 8 p.m. \$10
"Noche De SkAtemoc," Nov. 14, 9 p.m. Featuring Tokadiscos, La Plebe, La Banda Skalavera. \$10 to \$12.
3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-849-2568 or www.lapena.org.
MCGRATH'S IRISH PUB — "Sea Chanteys and Songs of the Waterways," Tuesday, 8 p.m.
Free. 1539 Lincoln Ave., Alameda. 510-552-6263 or www.mcgrathspub.com.
924 GILMAN ST. — Time For Living, Physical Challenge, Tarkara, Nov. 7.

Thought Riot, F Minus, Affront, Go It Alone, Nov. 8.
Fabulous Disaster, Butcher and Smear, Pin Up Motels, Beautiful Engine, Nov. 14.
Bananas, I Farm, Stivs, Mermaid-Uncorn, Problem, Nov. 15.
All ages welcome. Shows are \$5 and start at 8 p.m. unless otherwise noted.
924 Gilman St., Berkeley. 510-525-9926 or www.924gilman.org.
OAKLAND BOX THEATER — Pick-pocket Ensemble, Glass Bead Game, Nov. 15, 8 p.m. \$10 to \$20
"Tuesday Night Oakland Box Series," 8 p.m. Live and experimental music. \$6 to \$1000.
1928 Telegraph Ave., Oakland. 510-451-1932 or www.oaklandbox.com.
"PRAISES FOR THE WORLD" — Nov. 15, 7 p.m. A celebration of music, dance and words with Jennifer Berezan and friends. Performers include Wilma Mankiler and Eve Ensler. \$32 to \$75. Scottish Rite Center, 1547 Lakeside Drive, Oakland. 510-919-5794 or www.edgeofwonder.com.
QUINN'S LIGHTHOUSE — The Starboard Watch featuring Skip Henderson, Thursday, 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. Free. 51 Embarcadero Cove, Oakland. 510-536-2050
STARRY PLOUGH PUB — Asylum Street Spankers, Nov. 7. \$14
Casey Neill, Little Sue, Nov. 8. \$7.
Faraway Borthers, Bingo Band, Nov. 13. \$5
20 Minute Loop, Bitesize, Ex-Boy Friends, Nov. 14. \$7
Naked Barbies, The Jolene, Nov. 15. \$7
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3101 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-841-2082
STORK CLUB — Stage Rage, Second Date, Teeze, Nov. 8
The Pescants, Everen, Pet Cassani, Nov. 11
The Shaveks, Nov. 13
Just-Fi, Mojo Apostles, Nov. 14
Eddie Haskell, Killa The Pain, Love Kills Love, The Aversions, Tifcaccia Man, Nov. 15
\$5. All shows at 9 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 2330 Telegraph Ave., Oakland. 510-444-6174 or www.storkcluboakland.com.
YOSHIS — Dr. John, Nov. 5 through Nov. 9. \$24 to \$28
Conference Call, Gebhard Ullman, Nov. 10. \$10 to \$15
Carmen Lundy, Regina Carter, Nov. 11. \$10 to \$18
Mike Vax Jazz Orchestra, Cami Thompson, Nov. 12. \$12
Pat Martino Quintet, Nov. 13 through Nov. 16. \$10 to \$20
Shows are Monday through Saturday, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 510 Embarcadero West, Oakland. 510-238-9200, www.yoshis.com or www.ticketweb.com.
CLASSICAL MUSIC
ANDREA BOCELLI — Nov. 8, 8 p.m. Accompanied by the Fresno Philhar-

monic, with Ana Maria Martinez, soprano, and Steven Mercurio conducting.
\$45 to \$350. Arena in Oakland, 7000 Coliseum Way, Oakland. 510-762-2277 or www.tickets.com.
CAL PERFORMANCES — Emanuel Ax, piano, Nov. 9, 3 p.m. \$32 to \$56
St. Petersburg String Quartet, Nov. 15, 8 p.m. Performing a program of chamber music. At First Congregational Church, 2345 Channing Way. \$42.
St. Petersburg Academic State Capella, Nov. 16, 3 p.m. Vladislav Chernushenko conducting. \$24 to \$46
Zellerbach Hall, University of California, Bancroft Way and Telegraph Avenue, Berkeley. 510-642-9988 or www.calperfs.berkeley.edu.
FOUR SEASONS CONCERTS — Richard and John Contiguglia, Nov. 8, 7:30 p.m. The piano duo will perform music by Schubert, Percy Grainger and Liszt.
\$25 to \$35. Calvin Simmons Theatre, 1010 St., Oakland. 510-451-0775 or www.fourseasonsconcerts.com.
MUSICSOURCES — Richard Troeger, clavierchord, Nov. 2, 5 p.m. Performing works by Haydn, Mozart and C.P.E. Bach.
\$18 general; \$15 seniors and students. 1000 The Alameda at Marin, Berkeley. 510-528-1685
OAKLAND EAST BAY SYMPHONY — Opening Night Concert, Nov. 14, 8 p.m. Featuring music by Beethoven, Mason Bates, Samuel Zyman and Antonin Dvorak. Michael Morgan conducting. Featuring Elena Duran, flute.
\$15 to \$58. Paramount Theatre, 2025 Broadway, Oakland. 510-625-8497 or www.eobs.org.
OAKLAND SYMPHONY CHORUS — Nov. 8 and Nov. 9. Performing music by Bach and Mendelssohn.
\$18 general; \$14 seniors, students. Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 4 p.m. First Congregational Church, 2501 Harrison St., Oakland. 510-207-4093.
OAKLAND YOUTH ORCHESTRA — Nov. 16, 3 p.m. Performing music by J.S. Bach, Haydn and Prokofiev.
\$12 general; \$8 seniors, students. Allen Temple Baptist Church, 8501 International Blvd., Oakland. 510-832-7710 or www.oyo.org.
SAN FRANCISCO EARLY MUSIC SOCIETY — "The Mozarteian Players," Nov. 15, 8 p.m. A "Hauskonzert" of Treas and a Mozart fortepiano work.
\$22 to \$25. St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave., Berkeley. 510-528-1725 or www.sfems.org.
SAN FRANCISCO PERFORMANCES — "Saturday Morning Program," through Nov. 8. A three-part look at the Shostakovich String Quartets with performances by Alexander String Quartet.
Nov. 8: Quartet No. 15 and the Sonata for Viola and Piano, Op. 147.
\$30. St. Johns Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave., Berkeley. (415) 398-6449 or www.performances.org.
SAN FRANCISCO TAIKO DOJO — "The 35th Anniversary of the International Taiko Festival," Nov. 22 and Nov. 23. A festival featuring drummers from around the world.
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TRINITY CHAMBER CONCERTS — Kazuko Cleary, piano, Nov. 1, 8 p.m. A concert of works by Mozart, Beethoven, Chopin and Takemitsu.
Farallon Brass Ensemble, Nov. 15, 8 p.m. Performing music by Eugene Bozza.
\$12 general; \$8 seniors and students. Trinity Chapel, 2320 Dana St., Berkeley. 510-549-3864.
UC ALUMNI CHORUS — "Waging Peace," Nov. 9, 3 p.m. Featuring music by Benjamin Britten, Kirke Mechen and a variety of peace-themed works,

with soloists Corey Head and Brian Leehuber.
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communities. Hikes on portions of the trail are available through the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council. Call for meeting sites.

ALAMEDA COUNTY — "Tilden and Wildcat Bike Rides," Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. A vigorous ride through Tilden and Wildcat Canyon Regional Parks. Reservations required. Distance: 15 miles. Elevation gain: 2,000 feet. Difficulty: intermediate. Pace: fast. Meeting place: In front of the North Berkeley BART Station. 510-849-9650

"Lake Chabot Bike Rides," Thursdays, 6:15 a.m. These rides are for strong beginners and intermediates to build skill, strength and endurance at a non-hammerhead pace. No one will be dropped. Reservations required. Distance: 14 miles. Elevation gain: 1,000 feet. Difficulty: beginner to intermediate. Pace: moderate. Meeting place: Lake Chabot Road at the main entrance to the park. 510-468-3582. Free. (415) 391-9300.

CRAB COVE VISITOR CENTER — At Crab Cove, you can see live underwa- ter creatures and go into the San Francisco Bay, from land. You can also travel back in time to Alameda's past. The goal is to increase under- standing of the environmental impor- tance of San Francisco Bay and the ocean ecosystem.

"Sneak Preview Celebration," Nov. 8, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Celebrate the near completion of the renovated exhibit area and preview the latest Bay aquarium in the East Bay. There will be music, food, activities and special contests and prizes.

"Sunset Minus Tide Exploration," Nov. 8, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Explore the inter- tidal zone of the bay when the tide is way out. Start with a dry dive and then venture out with flashlights as the sun sets. Registration required

"Crab Land," Nov. 9, 10 a.m. to noon. Discover why crabs like living in the bay. Make silk-screen crab cards for friends and family. Stay for a sneak preview of the new exhibit area. For ages 10 and older. Registration re- quired. \$3.

"Sneak Preview: Guided Exhibit Tour," Nov. 15, Nov. 16, Nov. 22, Nov. 23 and Nov. 29, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Get an in-depth preview of the new exhibit area and learn about the four Bay habitats featured in the exhibits and the creatures that live there. All ages welcome.

"Intertidal Exploration," Nov. 15, 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Check out the fascinat- ing world of intertidal creatures, living between the tides. Wear clothes that can get dirty.

"Life Zone Adventure," Nov. 15, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Play interactive games and discover what you would do and where you would live if you were an animal. Wear clothes that can get dirty. For ages 7 and older.

"Grandparents of the Planet," Nov. 16, 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Find out what black bears, banana slugs, coho salmon and old trees share in com- mon with this fun, interactive program. Free unless otherwise noted; parking fee may be charged. 1252 McKay Ave., Alameda. 510-521-6887 or www.ebaparks.org

DUNSMUIR HOUSE AND GARDENS HISTORIC ESTATE — through Sept. 21. Nestled in the Oakland hills, the 50-acre Dunsmuir House and Gar- dens estate includes the 37-room Neoclassical Revival Dunsmuir Man- sion, built by coal and lumber baron Alexander Dunsmuir for his bride. Re- stored outbuildings set amid land-

scaped gardens surround the man- sion.

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Docents will lead visitors on a guided tour through the Mansion's many rooms and floors. See the beautiful Tiffany skylight, the wood-paneled Billiard Room, the Grand Staircase, and the magnificent dining room. Wear low-heeled, soft-soled shoes. No high heels allowed in the Mansion.

ESTATE GROUNDS — through Decem- ber. The 50 acres of gardens and grounds at the mansion are open to the public. Free Self-Guided Grounds tour booklets are available at Dinkel- speil House, Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free.

Dunsmuir House and Gardens Historic Estate, 2960 Peralta Oaks Court, Oak- land. 510-615-5555.

GARIN AND DRY CREEK PIONEER REGIONAL PARK — Free. Home of the Red Barn Visitor Center. East end of Garin Avenue off Mission Boul- evard, Hayward. 510-795-9385. Dry Creek Pioneer Regional Park is ac- cessed through Garin.

GREENBELT ALLIANCE OUTINGS — A series of hikes, bike rides and events sponsored by Greenbelt Al- liance, the Bay Area's non-profit land conservation and urban planning or- ganization.

ALAMEDA COUNTY — "Magnificent Maguire Peaks," Nov. 9, 10 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. A ten-mile strenuous hike in a hidden corner of Sunol Regional Wilderness.

KENNEDY GROVE REGIONAL RECREATION AREA — The 95-acre park contains picnic areas, horseshoe pits and volleyball courts among its grove of aromatic eucalyptus trees.

\$4 parking. Through February: daily, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. San Pablo Dam Road, El Sobrante. 510-223-7840 or www.ebaparks.org

OAKLAND ZOO — The zoo includes a Children's Petting Zoo, the Skyride, a miniature train, a carousel, picnic grounds and a gift shop as well as the animals in site-specific exhibits, which allow them to roam freely. Included are "The African Savanna" with its two huge mixed-animal aviaries and 11 African Savanna exhibits; the Mahali Pa Tembo (Place of the Elephant) with African lions, giraffes, chimpanzees and more than 330 other animals from around the world; "Simba Pori," Swahili for "Lion Country," a spacious 1.5-acre habitat offering both a sa- vanna and woodland setting for African lions; "Footprints from the Past," an anthropology exhibit show-

casing 4 million years of human evo- lution and an actual "footpath" of the first hominids to emerge from the African savanna; "Sun Bear Exhibit," a state-of-the-art space the zoo has de- veloped for its two sun bears; and Si- mang Island, a state-of-the-art, bar- rier-free area that emulates the gib- bons' native tropical rain forest habi- tat.

EXHIBIT — "Mountain Lions" ongoing. An exhibit designed to educate peo- ple about the mountain lion, its habi- tat, physiology, history in California, and myths that surround these mam- mals. In addition there is a film titled "Cougar: Elusive Predator" by the Dis- covery Channel in the Children's The- ater. At the Education Center. Open daily during Zoo hours. Free with reg- ular Zoo admission.

\$7.50 general; \$4.50 seniors and chil- dren ages 2 to 14; free children under age 2; \$3 parking fee. Daily, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Knowland Park, 9777 Golf Links Road, exit off Interstate Highway 580, Oakland. 510-632-9525 or www.oaklandzoo.org.

USS POTOMAC — The 165-foot presi- dential yacht USS Potomac was called the "Floating White House" when it was refurbished at the be- ginning of World War II for use by President Franklin Delano Roosevelt. The yacht has been restored to its World War II splendor and visitors may see it docked at the foot of Clay Street. The USS Potomac offers both dockside tours of the ship and two-hour nar- rated history cruises on Saturdays in August and September.

DOCKSIDE TOURS — The tour takes about an hour and discusses how FDR used the ship. Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. \$5 general; \$3 seniors; free youths age 18 and under.

SPECIAL EVENT — Veterans Day Cruise, Nov. 9. A two-hour narrated cruise to see historic military sites on San Francisco Bay, including the USS Hornet, the submarine Pampanito, the Jeremiah O'Brien, Hunter's Point, the Alameda Air Station, the US Coast Guard base on Yerba Buena Island, and the US Naval Base on Treasure Island. Reservations required. \$35 general; \$30 seniors; \$15 youths age 6 to 18; \$25 for veterans in uniform. www.ticketweb.com.

USS Potomac: FDR Pier, Foot of Clay Street, northwest end of Jack London Square, Oakland. Potomac Visitor Center: 540 Water St., Oakland. 510-627-1502 or www.usspotomac.org.

REI BERKELEY — A series of lectures on hikes and outdoor equipment

"The Race Across America: the Ultimate Long Distance Bicycle Ride," Nov. 13. Cyclist Rick Ashabanner will share slides and stories of his non-stop ride across the continent. Events are free and begin at 7 p.m. 1338 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. 510-527-4140.

TILDEN REGIONAL PARK — NATURE AREA — "Mini-Birders," Nov. 9, 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. Look for birds of the season around Little Farm and the Nature Center. Learn how to identify birds by sight and sound. For children ages 9 and older.

"First People's Plants," Nov. 9, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Join us on a discovery walk and learn how people of the past used the "good herb," mugwort, sage and nettle.

"Young Naturalists—Skulls," Nov. 13, 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. "Dig up" some bones on a treasure hunt hike to find skulls and unravel the mystery of the wild animals that owned them.

"Mini-Gardeners," Nov. 15, 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Dig, harvest, plant and play in the garden. Learn why flowers bloom and make a bouquet. For ages 4 to 6. Registration required. \$3.

"Nature Story Hour," Nov. 16, noon to 1 p.m. Listen to autumn stories, then make nature crafts that will be in- spired by the readings.

"Farm Animal Trading Cards," Nov. 16, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Make a set of trading cards and play games to learn about the farm animals. \$3.

REGIONAL PARKS BOTANIC GARDEN — Guided decent tours of the gar- dens. Call ahead for times and to con- firm tour is on for the day: most Sat- urdays and Sundays, 2 p.m.

Free unless noted otherwise. Take Canon Drive off Grizzly Peak Boul- evard, Berkeley. 510-525-2233 or www.ebaparks.org.

EXHIBITS

ARTS AND CRAFTS CO-OPERATIVE (ACCI) GALLERY — CLOSING — "Whimsy," closing Nov. 8. An exhibit of works by seven Bay Area artists. Free. Monday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Friday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. 1652 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-843-2527 or www.accigallery.com.

ARTS BENICIA GALLERY — "Cream II," through Nov. 30. A curated exhibit featuring new and emerging talent from regional graduate art programs. Free. Friday through Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. 991 Taylor St., Suite 114, Beni- cia. (707) 747-0131.

BERKELEY ART CENTER — "One Struggle, Two Communities: Late- 20th-Century Political Posters of Ha-

vana, Cuba and the San Francisco Bay Area," through Dec. 13. An ex- hibit of 80 Cuban posters from the Cuban Film Institute, OSPAAAL and Editora Politica with work by local artists Enrique Chagoya, Emory Dou- glas, Juan Fuentes, Rupert Garcia, Nancy Hom, Malaquias Montoya, Jane Norling and Jos Sances.

Free. Wednesday through Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. Live Oak Park, 1275 Walnut St., Berkeley. 510-644-6893 or www.berkeleyartcenter.org.

EAST BAY WOMEN ARTISTS — "Sa- vory Glimpses," through Jan. 4, 2004. An exhibit of paintings, prints, collage, wall sculpture and photography by artists Kay Athos, Joyce Blegen, Vir- ginia Dorn, Joan Finton, Lynda H. Robinson, Rita Sargent-Simon, Rita Sklar and Shirley Warwick.

Free. Daily, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Royal Ground Gallery, 2058 Mountain Blvd., Oakland. 510-339-0348.

GRADUATE THEOLOGICAL UNION — EXHIBITS — "Requiem for an Exe- cuted Bird," through Feb. 15, 2004. An exhibit of works by Junko Chudoh "An Encounter with a New World," through Feb. 15, 2004. An exhibit of rare materials from the Academy of American Franciscan History. 510-649-2541.

Free. Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 7 p.m. Flora Lamson Hewlett Library, 2400 Ridge Road, Berkeley. 510-649-2500 or www.gtu.edu.

HALL OF PIONEERS GALLERY — "Oakland Chinatown Pioneers," ongo- ing. Twelve showcases each focusing on historic leaders and personalities of the community.

Free. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Chinese Garden Building, 275 Seventh St., Oakland. 510-530-4590.

OAKLAND BOX GALLERY — "OCHO," through Dec. 7. A three-person mixed media show featuring works by Colleen Duarte, Diana Sanchez, and Caleb Duarte.

Reception, Nov. 20, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Free. Tuesday and Thursday, noon to 4 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. and during evening events. Oak- land Box Theater, 1928 Telegraph Ave., Oakland. 510-451-1932 or www.oaklandbox.com.

UC BERKELEY GRADUATE SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM — "Our Daily Bread," through Jan. 20, 2004. An ex- hibit of photographs showing daily life

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MUSEUMS

AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM AND LIBRARY — "Walls of Heritage/Walls of Pride: African American Murals," through Dec. 31. An exhibit of historical and contemporary murals created by African American artists from around the country. The exhibit features 52 photos of murals and 20 original works related to murals.

"The Long Walk to Freedom," through Dec. 31. An exhibit of photographs, archival material, videos and writings highlighting the contributions of 12 civil rights activists who changed the face of the nation.

"Creativity and Resistance: Maroon Cultures in the Americas," ongoing. An exhibit featuring historical drawings and maps, a timeline, contemporary photographs and a selection of ceremonial and daily life objects.

"Golden Road to Freedom: The African Legacy in California, 1775-1900," ongoing. An exhibit focusing on the role that people of African descent played in later expeditions and settlements before the annexation of California. Free. Tuesday through Saturday, noon to 5:30 p.m. 659 14th St., Oakland. 510-637-0200 or www.oaklandlibrary.org.

ALAMEDA MUSEUM — The museum offers permanent displays of Alameda history, the only rotating gallery showcasing local Alameda artists and student artwork, as well as souvenirs, books and videos about the rich history of the island city.

ROTATING EXHIBIT — Natica Angilly, through Nov. 30. An exhibit of art and dance.

SPECIAL EVENT — "Fusions: Art, Photography, Dance, Poetry, Masques," Nov. 8, 3:30 p.m. Featuring live performances and an art show opening. Refreshments will be served.

Free. Wednesday through Friday, 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. 2324 Alameda Ave., Alameda 510-521-1233 or www.alamedamuseum.org.

EBONY MUSEUM OF ARTS — A museum specializing in the art and history of Africa. The collection, which was on display in the museum's Jack London Village branch, has been incorporated with the material in the 14th Street Victorian Museum building, the site of the original museum. Free admission; \$2 guided tour. Monday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. 1034 14th St., Oakland. 510-763-0141.

GOLDEN STATE MODEL RAILROAD MUSEUM — through Dec. 28. The museum features extensive displays of operating model railroads constructed and operated by the East Bay Model Engineers Society. Covering some 10,000 square feet, steam and modern diesel-powered freight

and passenger trains operate in O, HO and N-scales on separate layouts, as well as narrow gauge and trolley lines. Of special interest is the Tehachapi Pass and Loop on the N-scale layout showing how the multiple engine trains traverse the gorges and tunnels, passing over themselves to gain altitude to cross Tehachapi Summit just east of Bakersfield. In addition the layouts include such famous railroad landmarks as Niles Canyon, Donner Pass, and the Oakland Mole where transcontinental passengers were ferried across San Francisco Bay from their arriving trains. For December, the trains and layouts will be decorated for the holidays.

\$3 general; \$2 seniors and children under age 12; \$7 family maximum; free to all Saturday. Saturday and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. Miller-Knox Regional Shoreline, 900 Dornan Drive, Point Richmond. 510-234-4884 or www.gsrm.org.

HALL OF HEALTH — EXHIBITS — "This Is Your Heart!" ongoing. An interactive exhibit on heart health.

"Good Nutrition," ongoing. This exhibit includes models for making balanced meals and an exercise for calculating how calories are burned.

"Draw Your Own Insides," ongoing. Human-shaped chalkboards and models with removable organs allow visitors to explore the inside of their bodies. "Your Cellular Self and Cancer Prevention," ongoing. An exhibit on understanding how cells become cancerous and how to detect and prevent cancer.

SPECIAL EVENT — Free Puppet Shows, Nov. 15, 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. The Kids on the Block, an award-winning education puppet troupe, includes puppets with such conditions as cerebral palsy, blindness and Down syndrome. The shows promote acceptance and understanding of physical differences.

Suggested \$3 donation; free children under 3. Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 2230 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-549-1564 or www.hallofhealth.org.

JUDAH L. MAGNES MUSEUM — The museum's permanent collection includes objects of Jewish importance including ceremonial art, film and video, folk art and fine art, paintings, sculptures and prints by contemporary and historic artists.

"Brought to Light: The Storied Collections of the Judah L. Magnes Museum," through April 25, 2004. An exhibit that includes 130 objects drawn from the museum's archives, library and collections. Works featured include a recovered Torah Ark from the Queen Mary ocean liner, documents from the Spanish Inquisition, a drawing by Albert Einstein and works by Marc Chagall.

Free. Sunday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 2911 Russell St., Berkeley 510-549-6950 or www.magnes.org.

MILLS COLLEGE ART MUSEUM — Jennifer Bartlett and Elizabeth Murray, through March 7, 2004. A major exhibit of paintings by two alumni. The exhibit will be closed for winter break from Dec. 15 through Jan. 12.

CLOSING — Circumstantial Evidence: Paintings by Martin Mull, closing Nov. 16. An exhibit of works by the artist.

CLOSING — Josef Breitenbach: Portraits of 20th Century Artists, closing Nov. 9. An exhibit of works by the artist.

Video Exhibition, through Dec. 7. An exhibition of recent works by Phyllis Baldino, Chris Sollars, Seoungcho Cho and Ursula Hodel.

OPENING — "Double Blind: A Video by Sophie Calle," Nov. 18 through Dec. 14.

Free. Tuesday, Thursday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. 5000 MacArthur Blvd., Oakland. 510-430-2164 or www.mills.edu/MCAM/mcam.home.html.

OAKLAND MUSEUM OF CALIFORNIA

"Global Elegies: Art and Offensives for the Dead," through Dec. 7. An exhibit of artworks inspired by traditions and ceremonies honoring the dead in a variety of cultures. This is an expansion of the annual Day of the Dead exhibit, in its 10th year. The exhibit features 11 artists, from a variety of cultures, Western and non-Western, working in different media.

"The Art of Fred Martin: A Retrospective, 1948-2003," through Dec. 28. An exhibit of paintings on board, paper and canvas that spans 50 years and includes 135 works by painter, teacher and writer Fred Martin.

"Online Museum," Thursdays, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Explore the museum's collection on videodisks in the History Department Library.

Docent Gallery Tours, Saturday and Sunday, 1:30 p.m.

Art à la Carte, ongoing. Art docents offer a variety of specialized tours focusing on one aspect of the museum's permanent collection. Wednesday, 12:30 p.m. Free with museum admission.

SPECIAL EVENTS — "Express Night Days of the Dead," Nov. 7, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. A gallery talk with artist Alia Etkin, music, and a screening of the film "La Ofrenda: The Day of the Dead." Free with admission.

"Art Health Fair," Nov. 7, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. An interactive experience of "health services" by artists Donna Keiko Ozawa, Indigo Som, Peter E. V. Allen, Renee Gerter and Lynn-Rachel Altman. Free with admission. "Family Explorations! Indian Life," Nov. 16, noon to 4 p.m. Discover Native Californian crafts, games and storytelling.

"Family Explorations! Indian Life," Nov. 16, noon to 4 p.m. Learn about Native Californian crafts and native use of plants with games and storytelling throughout the museum. Free with admission.

"Art and Global Ceremonies for the Dead: Roundtable with Artists and Collectors," Nov. 16, 2 p.m. A roundtable discussion with artists and collectors followed by a screening of the film "Macario" at 4 p.m. Free with admission.

\$8 general; \$5 seniors and students; free children age 5 and under; free to all on the second Sunday of the month. Wednesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 5

p.m.; first Friday of the month, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. 1000 Oak St., Oakland. 510-238-2200 or www.museumca.org.

PARDEE HOME MUSEUM — The historic Pardee Mansion, a three-story Italianate villa built in 1868, was home to three generations of the Pardee family who were instrumental in the civic and cultural development of California and Oakland. The home includes the house, grounds, water tower and barn. Reservations recommended.

\$5 general; free children under age 12. House Tours: Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, noon, 1 p.m., 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. 672 11th St., Oakland. 510-444-2187 or www.pardeehome.org.

RICHMOND MUSEUM OF HISTORY — Permanent exhibits highlight Richmond's cultural, industrial and architectural legacy.

"Places of Faith and Worship," ongoing. An exhibit documenting the history of the many churches that reflect Richmond's diverse cultures and lifestyles. Free. Wednesday through Sunday, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. 400 Nevin Ave., Richmond. 510-235-7387.

UC BERKELEY ART MUSEUM — "Exhibiting Signs of Age," through Jan. 18, 2004. An exhibit of 38 images that examines representations of aging and the elderly, ranging from common stereotypes to frank self-portraits. "Gene(s)is: Contemporary Art Explores Human Genomics," through Dec. 7. An exhibition of 100 works by renowned and emerging artists, presenting new and challenging perspectives on the impact of human genetic research on our society. The exhibition will be accompanied by "Genetic Screenings," a film series running from through Oct. 30; "g-commerce," an online exhibition; "Thinking About Genomics," a lecture series; and "Making Worlds: Artists, Scientists, and Genomics," a panel discussion featuring leaders in disciplines such as anthropology, sociology, art history and philosophy.

"Turning Corners," through Aug. 31, 2004. This exhibition looks at five centuries of innovative art and ideas from around the world through masterworks from the UC Berkeley Art Museum collections. On view are works by artist ranging from Albrecht Dürer, Peter Paul Rubens and Paul Gauguin to Jackson Pollock and Eva Hesse, and recent work by Jeanne Dunning, Xu Bing and Mona Hatoum.

"Hans Hofmann: Scintillating Spaces," through Dec. 29. An exhibit of works from the museum's collections by abstract expressionist painter.

"Fred Wilson, Aftermath," through Nov. 23. An installation that addresses the themes of conflict and war and their evidence in art and material culture. "Kings Play Cards," through Dec. 7. An installation by Gail Wright.

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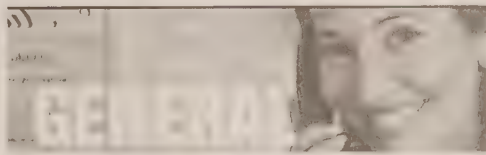
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Altarena production of 'Jekyll & Hyde' is brilliant

Tom Billings
Altarena's production of "Jekyll & Hyde" is a dark, dramatic and the musical currently at Altarena does it full justice — The casting, direction, staging, and well-calculated to the viewer panting with anticipation and revulsion. The production is fortunate to be a little bit of Broadway and then, but there's a lot of Broadway on the stage right now. The production is marvelous by no means a comedy.

tagonist and antagonist, his performance reminds one of the late Dame Judith Evans playing "Medea" with an intensity that left her physically and emotionally exhausted at the end of every evening.

Rebecca Pingree is prim perfection in the role of Jekyll's socialite fiancée, Emma Carew. And Katie Potts is elegant in the role of Lucy Harris, the lady of easy virtue to whom both Jekyll and Hyde are attracted.

Each member of the supporting cast presents a uniquely stereotypical characterization. Elmer Strasser is the spiteful Simon Stride. Sara Hurd, Steven Lacrosse, Jennifer Morrill, and Kelcey Poe are repulsively fabulous as the tawdry dancing Red Rat Girls of the night, masterfully choreographed by Brendan Simon. They also appear, respectively, as a detective, a coroner's deputy providing just a hint of comic relief, a nurse/Bissett and a photographer.

Phil Lowery's staging of "Jekyll & Hyde" is impeccable as is Janet Oliphant's musical direction. On keyboard, she is joined in the pit by Roberta Drake on percussion and Ben Stough doing additional keyboarding and special effects.

This production is also technically flawless.

Although there are many scene changes and lots of props and set pieces, everything runs extremely smoothly. Set, lighting, sound, and costumes all meld perfectly.

This show is gripping in the literal sense of the word. It may well leave you exhausted but also finding it difficult to fall asleep. It's a real jewel. Don't miss it.

with some soca and calypso) and is in the midst of recording her third CD, "Herb Woman."

Sept. 11 is a sad day in musical and Caribbean history, as well, because on that day in 1987, the world lost Peter Tosh. But as with the children of Bob Marley, the next generation carries the elders' message. Andrew Tosh will do the same when he steps onto the Ashkenaz stage Saturday night.

Reach Berkeley freelance writer Brian Kluepfel at bkluepfel@hotmail.com.

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HUGH GRANT (with Martine McCutcheon, left, and Emma Thompson) is involved in one of the nine story lines in "Love Actually."

Believe it or not, 'Love Actually' is convoluted

By Mary F. Pols
STAFF WRITER

The feel-good British romantic comedy "Love Actually" is the cinematic equivalent of one of those pasta dishes that appear on the menus of over-eager restaurants, the farfalle that features not just sun-dried tomatoes, but pesto, pine nuts, smoked chicken and cream, leaving no California cuisine ingredient unused.

The movie has nine simultaneously spinning story lines set in the five weeks leading up to Christmas. We assume all nine will be wrapped up in a neat pear-tree package by the end, but in the meantime, they operate independently of each other. This caused the curmudgeon behind me to announce to his female companion, about 20 minutes into the film, "This movie is too spread out. Too many lives."

She ignored him, braying with laughter throughout, but he made a good point. The cast is jam-packed with stars, including Hugh Grant, Liam Neeson, Colin Firth, and Laura Linney, but they never interact. Three of the story lines could have been jettisoned altogether and a couple more were questionable.

The movie is from writer/director Richard Curtis, who wrote 1994's "Four Weddings and a Funeral" and "Notting Hill" (1999) and is now taking a crack at directing as well. Not much has changed for Curtis in the last decade, philosophically at least. His love of using monumental life events as set pieces remains — though there's only one wedding, one funeral and one press conference here — and so has his wishful belief that true love blossoms on fleeting acquaintances.

dent challenges to civil liberties presented by the war on terrorism, the failure of the Bush economic policy, and the largely unnoticed crumbling of the quality of American life, the time is ripe for lives' no-holds-barred look at the first years of the George W. Bush presidency.

- 5. **The Great Unraveling, Paul Krugman**, \$25.95. In this long-awaited work containing economist Krugman's most influential columns along with new commentary, he chronicles how the boom economy unraveled: how exuberance gave way to pessimism, how the age of corporate heroes gave way to corporate scandals, and how fiscal responsibility collapsed.
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REVIEW

- **WHAT:** "Love Actually"
- **STARRING:** Alan Rickman, Colin Firth, Emma Thompson, Hugh Grant, Laura Linney, Liam Neeson, Martine McCutcheon, Rowan Atkinson
- **RATING:** R (sexuality, nudity and language)
- **RUNNING TIME:** 2 hours, 8 minutes
- **WHERE:** Opens today at area theaters
- **GRADE:** B-

something slightly seedier than true love; something involving a Gap dress. But Curtis is no cynic — this is the real thing.

That's not to say all his endings are happy ones. But in his world, no one misses out on love because people are lousy to each other or the emotions just aren't there: They miss out because they aren't willing to take a chance or because they don't believe. If they do, Curtis is telling us, love really can trump all.

Writer Jamie (Colin Firth) runs off to France to nurse a broken heart and falls happily in love with his Portuguese maid Aurelia (Lucia Moniz), even though neither speaks a word of the other's native tongue. Not to be a downer, but what are the chances this pairing is going to hold up?

As you're trying to sort out the various relationships onscreen, you get the sense that Curtis had a number of scenarios or actors in mind that he couldn't resist stuffing into his plot, even if they happened to be extraneous or he didn't have time to wrap them up satisfactorily. (Note to current "it" girl Keira Knightley, featured in one of the extraneous, unfinished plots: Fewer grins, please.)

Take Judy (Joanna Page) and John (Martin Freeman), who are employed as stand-ins on what seems to be a pornographic movie, although apparently one with an unusually high budget. They converse innocently while he's grabbing her breasts or she's nude and straddling him, until eventually he gets the courage to ask her out. These actors are essentially props for a sight gag Curtis finds amusing. The joke works once, but by the third setup, it's just silly.

At the same time, "Love Ac-

ually" does have something to offer anyone who is bored with the same old romantic comedy routine where boy and girl meet, have a misunderstanding and work it all out by the third act.

One appealing couple, played by Alan Rickman and a super-sassy Emma Thompson, have hit a lull in their marriage that anyone who's been exposed to a long-term relationship can understand. Their story, such as it is, is the film's most complex and emotionally appealing, and both performers are a pleasure to watch.

If you missed "Four Weddings" or "Notting Hill," there's a good chance "Love Actually" will seem refreshing and delightful. The truth is, Curtis does know how to play these cards. After all, he's played them before, just not in such abundance. He's become his own formula.

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Automakers may soon gain more
clout in the horsepower that
they claim for their vehicles.
A group of engineers is devel-
oping a standard to verify au-
tomakers' claims for the power their
vehicles develop.

In recent past, automakers
have advertised unrealistically
high numbers for their cars.
Horsepower numbers are ab-
solutely important to our readers,"
said Mark Pheasant, technical di-
rector of Car and Driver magazine.
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bers we tell them why one
car is better than another.

The Society of Automotive En-
gineers is revising its standard for
measuring horsepower and will
ask automakers to have an inde-
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bers. The standard will also set
out how to test torque and
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MOTOR MATTERS

MERCEDES-BENZ SLK230 roadster has some deficiencies, especially in terms of storage. However, once this coupe takes to the road, the fun begins.

Rocky start in SLK230 ends in smooth sailing

MOTOR MATTERS

It is said "all's well that ends
well." That somewhat explains my
week in the 2004 Mercedes-Benz
SLK230, which got off to a bad start.

As I usually do with any test-
drive vehicle, after putting the key
in the ignition, I waited to see how
long the "fasten seatbelt" light
would remain on without my seat-
belt fastened.

Some manufacturers are more
interested in saving the life of the
bulb than the life of the driver by al-
lowing the annoying light to go out
within a minute.

The SLK230, however, didn't
even have a warning light.

Then I tried to locate the buttons
to position the driver's seat. It turns
out that power seats are an option;
my expensive tester had manual
seats and the backrest movement
was very awkward to change.

I wanted to adjust the steering
column, but this car's steering
wheel and column are stationary.

Telescopic steering wheel is an-
other option. I'm sitting in a car that
cost \$44,620, but could not find the
expected features of an upscale car.
Even the credit-card size vanity mir-

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ror wasn't illuminated.

My next irritation occurred when
it began to rain. The windshield
wipers were annoyingly loud, as
they switched and skipped across
the glass.

Also, the noise level of the inter-
ior was much too high.

At this point, I'm not a happy
camper. But the rain stopped, and

I noticed other features of this road-
ster that began to produce favor-
able feelings.

Once under clear skies, it took
about 25 seconds after I pressed a
button on the center console for the
windows to go down, the rear deck
lid to rise, the top to unfasten and
fold itself into the rear, and the deck
lid to cover it up.

Now I'm in a very cute converti-
ble and raring to go.

I use the word "cute" because
the SLK230 is only 160 inches long.
Better yet, the turning radius is a
mere 33 feet allowing this little mite

enjoyable maneuverability. Forget
its faults; let's have fun!

My tester had a 2.3-liter four-
cylinder 192-horsepower super-
charged engine allowing this light
car to take off quickly. Steering is
very easy, especially in a turn.

As it turns out, I didn't require
adjustment to the position of the
steering wheel, it was exactly where
I preferred. I'm feeling better all the
time.

Still, I did feel a longing for
something better, like the top of the

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The 1960 Chrysler Imperial, a tough car to park at almost 19 feet in length

MOTOR MATTERS

"The turn signals make no sense," Jim Byers says, "but I'll defend the push buttons to my dying day."

He is referring to his 4,835-pound 1960 Imperial Southampton LeBaron four-door hardtop sedan. Instead of being activated from a common stalk on the steering column, the turn signals are activated by a switch on the dashboard.

Of the push buttons that select the gears in the transmission, Byers states, "They have never given me a moment of trouble." From the top, the push buttons activate Reverse, Neutral, Drive, Second and First. There is no parking gear; just a very good emergency brake.

Years earlier, Byers owned a similar Imperial and sold it in 1998, immediately regretting his decision. He set about to rectify the automotive situation.

A wide variety of Imperials in far-flung locations were inspected and found wanting. Eventually, Byers decided to advertise in the "cars wanted" section of the Chrysler Product Owners Club newsletter.

When the September 2002 issue of the publication arrived in the mail, Byers checked his ad to make certain it was correct. He saw a picture of the car he had described and thought the editors had decided to illustrate his ad.

Upon closer examination, he

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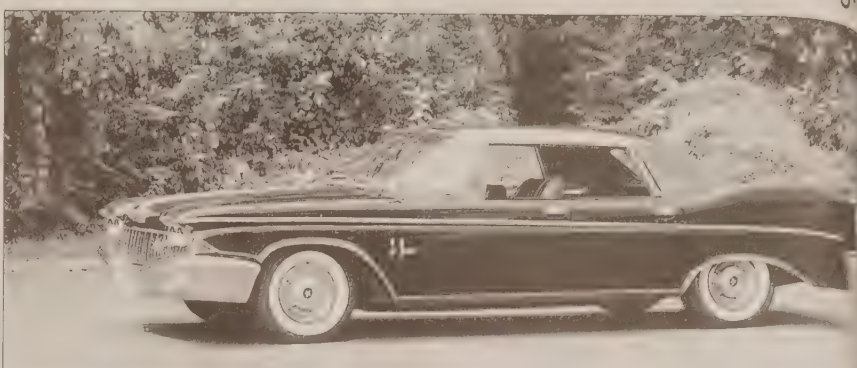
saw that the picture of the Imperial was attached to an ad adjacent to his, placed by a man in Tulsa, Okla., hoping to sell his Imperial. The odometer showed about 56,000 miles. Byers contacted the seller and examined pictures that were sent to him.

He liked what he saw, but was reluctant to buy a car sight unseen. He also had no time to make a trip to Oklahoma.

Byers, a card-carrying member of the Imperial Club, found Jeffrey Cutler, a fellow member in Texas, a mere 500 miles from the car in Oklahoma. Cutler volunteered to inspect the Imperial.

Acting on the "thumbs up" report from the Texan, Byers purchased the car in October and arranged to have it transported home in a closed truck. When the truck arrived, Byers stood behind it anxiously awaiting the appearance of the car he had yet to see.

The beautiful blue Imperial with gunsight taillights made its appearance. Bumper-to-bumper the car stretches almost 19 feet. "My spacehip limousine had arrived," a happy Byers said. The Texan's evaluation was exact, to Byers' relief.



OWNER bought this 1960 Chrysler Imperial LeBaron hardtop sedan sight unseen and found it to be in perfect running condition with 56,000 miles on the odometer.

"I fired it up and went for a drive," Byers recollects. The 413-cubic-inch V8 engine develops 350 horsepower.

Byers surmises that his Imperial was a California car because there is no sign of rust. "I really lucked out," he says.

The car is loaded with convenience features such as the two front fender-mounted mirrors and a Mirror-on-matic interior mirror that dims when bright lights from behind strike the surface.

There is a cruise control that is set with a dial, much like a thermostat, as well as a speed minder. When the driver exceeds the pre-selected speed, the pedal pushes back against the driver's foot.

A Chrysler Airtemp dual air-conditioning system is in place, one for the front seat and a second one in the trunk for the rear-seat passengers.

Byers' favorite features of the car are the two front automatic swivel seats that rotate whenever the corresponding front door is opened. The driver controls the enormous automobile with a squarish steering wheel and all six windows are electrically controlled, even the wing vents.

"It's a lot of car," he says. He buys the highest octane fuel he can find and then adds a can of octane booster to the 23-gallon tank to keep the big engine happy.

"It's a people magnet," says. Everyone seems attracted to the big Imperial. "The Imperial is simple," he says. "You can find two parking spaces together."

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line SLK32 AMG. That car has a 349-horsepower engine.

A 215-horsepower engine is available in the SLK320.

Yet my roadster provided excellent acceleration and I could easily transfer from automatic to manual shifting — an optional feature.

Once parked, I examined what was left of the trunk space when the top was down. It might hold one carry-on bag, but not a set of golf clubs.

Even with the top up, storage space is not the SLK's forte. Behind the driver's seat there is enough room to store a newspaper.

I also began examining other buttons. The controls for the AM/FM radio were a bit unusual, but once I became acquainted with the functions, I could change stations with ease.

The same system contains a CD player and telephone.

In an emergency, Tele Aid is available, as well as roadside assistance. This was reassuring and comforting information that gave me a better perspective.

I read about other features and

learned that this SLK has an on-board GPS transponder so its location is known through satellite tracking. It also has rollover bars, plus an electronic stability program.

Bottom line: When the week came

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hicle's acceleration and ability to pull heavy loads.

"Companies have always been able to claim whatever horsepower they wanted," Markus said. "Adding some accountability for the numbers would be a good thing."

Car and Driver caught Jaguar claiming 10 more horsepower than its high-perfor-

mance S-type R model actually developed a couple of years ago. The automaker then revealed it used a test procedure that gave it higher numbers than what is generally accepted by engineers.

Automakers can test for horsepower and torque in a variety of ways ranging from testing an engine sitting on a bench to evaluating the actual power transmitted to a vehicle's wheels.

"It makes you suspicious when a car claims more hp but has less performance," Markus said. The current test, which was last revised in 1970, allows automakers to claim hp and torque figures higher than what most owners will actually experience, Landcaster said.

Ford, GM and DaimlerChrysler support the idea of a new independently verified horsepower test.

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James Harrison Jr., Benicia, Calif. "It was easy one! Engine run-on or dieseling is an occasional ailment of older engines and is most likely to occur in warm weather.

When the engine tries to keep running because of heat build-up in one or more combustion chambers.

Under normal conditions the air-fuel mixture is kept by the spark plugs, and controlled by the ignition switch is

not a problem with fuel-injection vehicles, as the electrically operated fuel stop delivery upon engine

shutting can be harmful as it places stress on the crankshaft.

Common causes are faster-than-spec speed, carbon buildup on combustion chamber surfaces and/or a lean

mixture can be done to put the brakes on and combustion? Start by adjusting the idle speed to specifications.

BRAD BERGHOLDT
Auto QnA

Idle speed is often increased by well-meaning folks to mask a rough idle condition, or might be fast due to a sticking throttle or choke linkage, a too-tight cruise control servo cable or a leaking vacuum hose or gasket. (See Oct. 24 column for vacuum leak diagnosis procedures.)

Vacuum leaks are also a common cause of a lean air-fuel ratio.

Some carbureted engines employ an anti-dieseling solenoid, which allows normal idle speed while the engine is running, but substantially reduces throttle position after shut-off. (It must be functioning and properly adjusted.)

Other vehicles utilize a fuel-cut solenoid to positively stop idle circuit fuel at shut-off. (You'll know when this part stops working, as the engine won't idle.)

Carbon build-up can be reduced by applying a carbon-softening solvent that is sprayed or slowly poured down the carburetor throat.

Driving the vehicle afterward releases an embarrassing cloud of particulate matter as the deposits are released.

If the above methods fail to bring relief, it might be necessary to switch to higher-octane fuel or seek professional help for more in-depth diagnosis or a more effective decarboning process.

Your in-gear shut-off method reduces idle speed enough to quell the dieseling, and should be employed until repairs are made.

Q My air conditioner ('99 Miata) was not blowing cold air, so I took it to the Mazda dealership to have the coolant re-

placed.

Although the mechanic put in new Freon, he told me there was a hole in the air conditioner and that I would need a new one for \$800.

I declined, and the air conditioner worked fine for a couple of months, leading me to think it must be a very small hole.

Is there a chance it could be repaired rather than replaced?

When I asked at the dealership, they said they didn't recommend it, and were not helpful with explanations.

Should I try elsewhere, or accept that it will need to be replaced?

Susan Silver, Sunnyvale, Calif.

A This is a tough one without knowing more about the nature of the leakage. Let's take a look at how your air conditioning system works, then what it might take to repair it.

Your air conditioning system contains three major components: the compressor, condenser and evaporator.

A series of hoses and pipes, a drier and a flow control valve complete the system.

Refrigerant is circulated through the components by the compressor whenever the A-C mode is selected.

The refrigerant absorbs heat as it passes through the evaporator, a stubby radiator-like device behind the instrument panel, and releases it from the condenser, a wide, flat radiator-like device at the front of the vehicle.

The refrigerant changes state from a liquid to a vapor, then back, as it absorbs and releases heat.

A-C systems are prone to refrigerant leakage from hose connections, the hoses themselves, the compressor shaft seal and possible perforation of the condenser or

evaporator.

Why is leakage so common?

Refrigerant is made up of tiny molecules and is held within the system under rather high pressure.

Adding refrigerant to a leaking and undercharged system is not a satisfactory solution, as the refrigerant will surely leak out, adversely affecting the environment.

System leakage can be detected using an electronic leak detector, fluorescent dye or a soapy water solution.

Hose-fitting seals are the most common source of leakage, but in your case it sounds like a major component might be perforated.

Can a leaking condenser or evaporator be repaired? Possibly, but there's a come-back risk most shops won't be willing to chance.

A corrosion-induced hole or crack might be welded or sealed, but the surrounding area also might be weakened, leading to a future failure.

What if it's a leaking compressor seal? Some shops are willing to renew just the seal (if serviced separately), while others prefer to renew the entire compressor.

Susan, do you have a copy of the dealer's repair order? If so, it should list the nature of the leak.

You could call around and receive competing bids for replacing the faulty part, and check to see if an A-C specialty shop believes the part is repairable.

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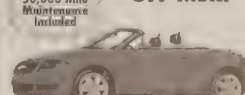
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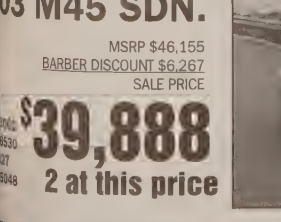
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
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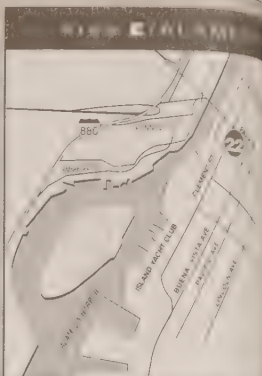
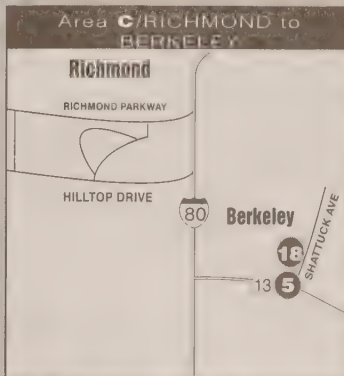
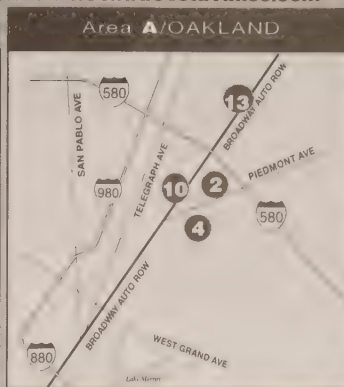
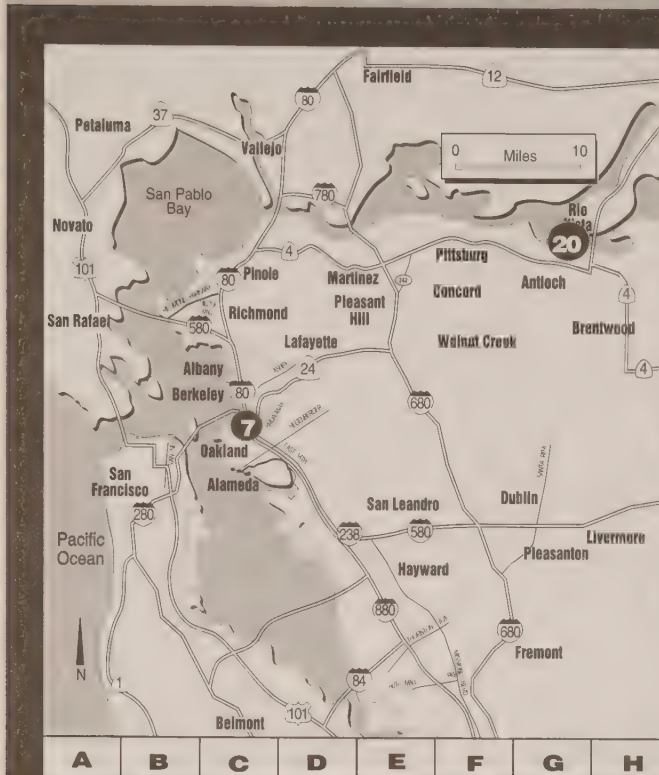
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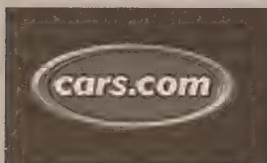
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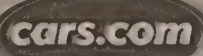
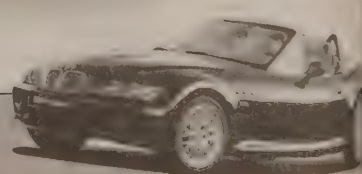
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BY VICKI PAYNE

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Autumn is here. As the foliage turns brilliant colors, it's the perfect time to create a welcoming look for your dining room. You don't need a pricey interior decorator or a major makeover to give your room a brand new look.

A simple inexpensive tabletop treatment made with fabric can give your dining room a new appearance for a fall potluck, a luncheon with friends, or daily dinners with the family.

Simple projects for big occasions

Simple projects such as creating napkins, table runner and placemats created from an old fabric design to help ease the design theme for your party. For a little variety, consider the designs in a collection of cotton fabrics provide a clean look to any décor.

Decorative flourishes for fall flair

Adding decorative objects to complement your fabric design can accent your design and highlight your room's features.

Use fresh flowers that match your scheme bring not only color and fragrance into your room, but also a simple white vase for a really fresh look.

Use a bowl of fruit as well as candles to create an inexpensive but tasteful centerpiece for any table. Use the green apples, limes or lemons in a clear glass or white bowl.

Adding a nicely framed recently photo brings a fresh

look to your walls while also acting as a conversation starter over an informal luncheon or dinner.

Before you begin ...

■ Read project instructions carefully.

■ Use a small notebook to record your ideas, accurate measurements, proper yardage and materials list.

■ Be sure you remember to take your notebook and any coordinating swatches or paint chips when you shop to avoid a return trip to the fabric store.

Have a great autumn and enjoy your fresh new tabletop décor! For more project ideas, log onto www.cranstonvillage.com

Read all instructions carefully before beginning.

Seam allowance: 1/2 inch.

TABLE RUNNER

Finished size: 16 x 60 inches

Materials Needed:

V.I.P. by Cranston Apple Orchard Border Fabric by Leslie Beck

V.I.P. #61140-ER — 2 yards

Polyester Fleece — 2 yards

1. To remove fabric borders draw line 1/2 inch from outer and inner border edges 63 inches long. Cut off on drawn lines. Cut piece from center fabric 9 1/2 x 63 inches. (Illustration 1)

2. Sew one border (right sides together) to each side of 9 1/2 x 63-inch piece. Open and press flat.

3. Fold runner in half lengthwise. Mark 8 inches down from top side. Draw line from mark to top center fold; cut on this line. Repeat at other end. (Illustration 2)

4. With right sides together, pin runner to remaining fabric and



A SIMPLE INEXPENSIVE TABLETOP TREATMENT made with fabric can create a stunning new appearance just in time for a fall potluck, a luncheon with friends, or daily dinners with the family. Instructions and patterns provided for matching table runner, placemats and napkins.

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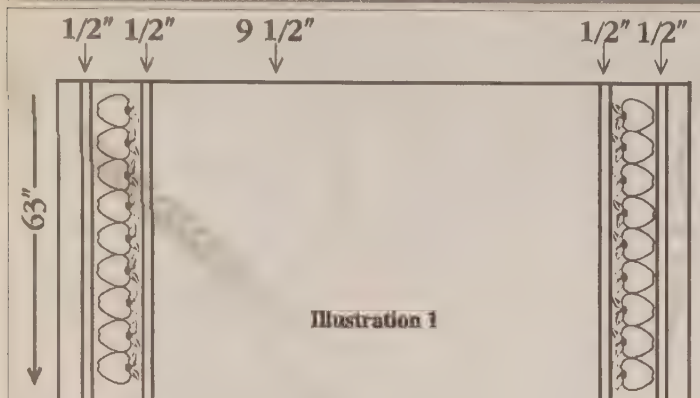


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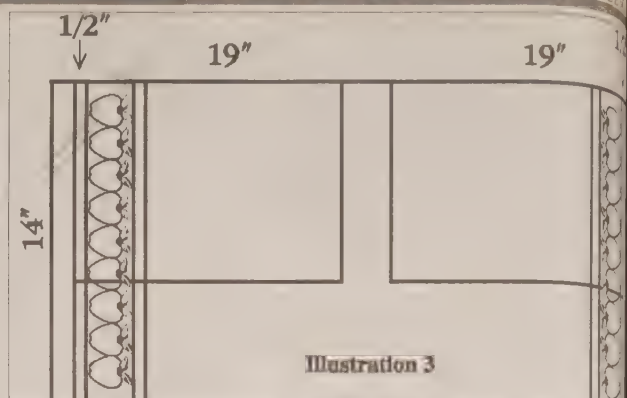


Illustration 3

When it comes to kids, let there be color

Easy, inexpensive decorating projects to light up their lives

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Kids love color, all colors. That alone should be inspiration when thinking about decorating your children's bedrooms or playrooms.

That they love color — the more the better — also makes do-it-yourself decorating projects with your kids easy and fun. The key is to relax, keep things simple and inexpensive, and don't sweat the small

stuff (like big messes). Use your creativity with your kids and watch theirs spring to life.

1. Let kids add color to unexpected places and have it be OK. If color is what a room lacks, kids can use GelGems on any non-porous surface such as windows, refrigerators, computer monitors and bathroom tile. Flexible, stickable and reusable, the colorful gels come in virtually any shape and color—hearts, letters, paisley, dots, fish, flowers or seasonal shapes—and can match any room theme or help create a new one around special holidays.

2. Playtime with pillows. Pur-

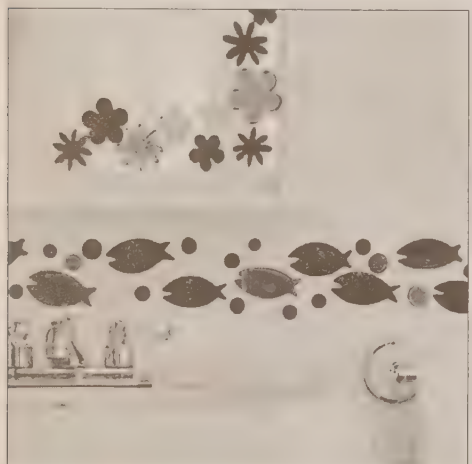
chase fabric crayons or paint at the craft store, along with cotton material. Cut two matching squares out of material, tape one piece securely to a work area, such as thick piece of cardboard, and have children design the front of a pillow. After they're done, sew the pieces together leaving a hole on one side big enough to put a hand through. Stuff with filling and stitch the hole shut.

3. Modern art has never been so inexpensive. Children's artwork can be priceless — after all, a family or self-portrait drawn by their own hands is often more precious than a professional one. With the money you save on artwork, invest in a nice frame to give your children's masterpieces a finished look that blends with your room's decor.

4. Press some style and fun onto stale-looking walls. Have children dip their hands into an accent paint color. Help them press their hands onto the walls to create a room boarder around the middle of the wall. Vary the position of the handprints, switching 45-degree angles to the right and left to create a pattern.

5. Boot out the old, in with the new. Here is a use for the cute little rain boots they no longer wear, but you cannot bear to give away — planters. Pound a few holes in the bottom of the boot with a nail then pour a thin layer of gravel in the bottom of the boot for proper drainage. Fill with potting soil and Gerbera daisy or other small flower.

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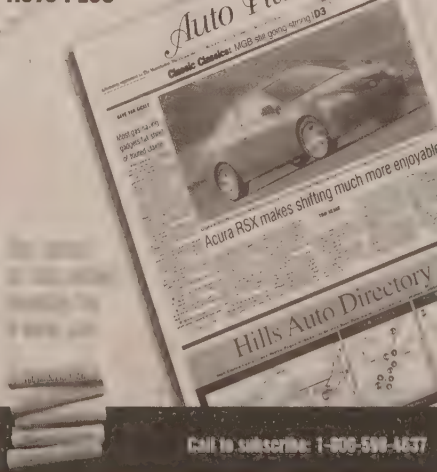


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V.I.P. #61142-Z — 1/2 yard
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1. Cut two 18 x 18-inch pieces from each fabric.

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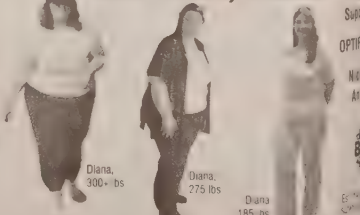
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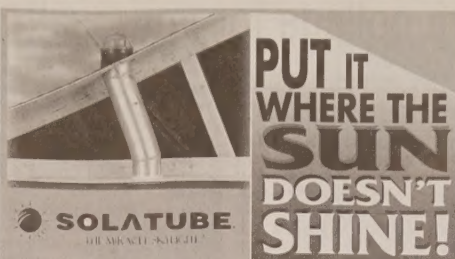
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1. Scope out a prominent place for your collage. Measure the size of the space you want to fill, giving yourself a little room for fine adjustments later.

2. Lay out your collage on the floor; position the molding to frame the collage in the desired size and shape and arrange the pictures inside. Varying the size, shape and frames will add interest to the final display.

3. On the display wall, find the location of wall studs to make sure any heavy items will be in position to be attached securely. A stud finder, such as the Zircon StudSensor Pro SL-AC, is perfect for this job. It finds studs without guesswork and includes a new WireWarning safety feature so you won't accidentally nail or drill into live AC voltage.

4. Prepare to transfer the layout to the wall. Measure from the middle of one strip of molding to the middle of the opposite side to determine the overall length and width. This will become the perimeter for the painted backdrop.

5. Outline the perimeter of the collage on the wall, making sure lines are level and plumb. Zircon's iLine can make quick work of this

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